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BENGALURU
The State government has set up a committee headed by retired High Court judge H.N. Nagamohan Das to probe the "40% commission" allegation levelled by the Karnataka State Contractors' Association during the previous BJP regime.

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BBMP ward delimitation draft notified

BENGALURU
The Urban Development Department notified the draft copy of the BBMP ward delimitation late on Friday.

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No SC stay on publication of Bihar caste survey data

'Your caste is known to your neighbours,' says Justice Sanjiv Khanna, asking how survey violated the privacy of respondents; petitioner's lawyer says insisting on caste is not 'today's thinking'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the uploading of data collected in the recently concluded Bihar caste-based survey while debunking claims that the Nitish Kumar government has violated the fundamental right to privacy by compelling people to reveal their caste.

"How is the right to privacy affected when somebody is asked to give his caste or sub caste? That individual data is not released to the public... What is released is the cumulative figures," Justice Sanjiv Khanna observed.

Senior advocate C.S. Vaidyanathan, who appeared for the NGO, Youth for Equality, against the survey, said that people could not be "compelled to reveal their caste".

"Your caste is known to your neighbours.... Which of the 17 questions asked in the survey amounts to a violation of privacy?" Justice Khanna asked. Mr. Vaidyanathan said that there were questions on caste, religion, and personal income. "Only thing voluntary is your Aadhaar information," he said, adding that insisting on caste was just not "today's thinking".

However, Justice Khanna questioned the element of compulsion. "There is no penalty involved if a person chooses not to fill this up," the judge pointed out. Mr. Vaidyanathan said that the survey had been undertaken on the basis of a mere executive order passed on June 6, 2022. An exercise impinging on a fundamental right – in this case, privacy – should have statutory backing, he argued.

"A fundamental right cannot be infringed upon on the basis of an administrative order," he said.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, for the Bihar government, said that the petitions against the survey were "completely motivated", noting that the survey had been completed on August 6.

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Counting conundrum

A look at the events prior to the SC's refusal to stay the uploading of data collected in the survey

June 6, 2022: Bihar issues a notification to conduct caste-based survey at an estimated cost of ₹500 crore

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Aug. 6, 2023: Bihar government completes the survey, starts uploading the collated data

Three killed in Manipur's Naga-dominated district

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

In a fresh incident of violence, three village volunteers were killed by unidentified armed miscreants at Thawai Kuki village in Ukhrul district of Manipur, a Naga-dominated area, the police said on Friday.

An Assam Rifles unit posted near the village was withdrawn a few days ago, and there were no other security forces present in the area. This is the first attack of its kind in the Naga-majority district, which has 14 Kuki villages, since May 3.

The three men, who were in their bunkers, were most probably killed around 5 a.m. The bodies were mutilated, a community representative said. Ningshem Vashum, Superintendent of Police, Ukhrul told *The Hindu* that the killers are yet to be identified but it is suspected that "Meitei militants" carried out the attack.

Manipur Police and Gurkha Regiment personnel patrol in the periphery of Imphal East area on Thursday. AFP

A defence source said that valley-based insurgent groups are suspected to be behind the killings.

The deceased have been identified as Thangkhokai Haokip, 31; Jamkhogin Haokip, 35; and Hollenson Baite, 20.

Kukis from Kangpokpi

Mangboi Bungte, a local, said that owing to security concerns many Kuki families from nearby Kangpokpi district had sent women and children to stay in the villages in the Naga district. "Even though no attack has taken place in Ukhrul, barring one incident of arson, the village volunteers had set up a bunker since early May. On Friday, the unidentified armed men killed the village guards in their bunker. They had multiple bullet wounds and were also attacked with sharp-edged weapons," Mr. Bungte said.

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> I was in the streets with all the knuckleheads, but I still kept my mind on my ultimate goal, and that was to become a world champion. All of them drank, all of them smoked, all of them liked to party. I was the only one that didn't

The bulletproof GOAT in the era of four belts

Terence Crawford survived a stray gunshot to the head 15 years ago and started his journey to boxing greatness. An undisputed champion in two weight divisions, the 35-year-old's legacy is secure. But he isn't done dominating 'the hurt business' or making history

Reuters
Associated Press

Wearing a tan mesh vest, denim shorts and a dark sun hat, Terence Crawford savoured the hero's welcome in his hometown Omaha. The 35-year-old American had lived up to his reputation of being a generational fighter, becoming the first male boxer to be crowned the undisputed champion in two weight divisions in the four-belt era.

Even as he luxuriated in the afterglow of his welterweight unification bout win over Errol Spence Jr. during the victory parade, Crawford's thoughts turned to the odds he had overturned in reaching boxing's pinnacle.

The overachiever

"Little kid from Omaha. Overachiever. I always say I'm an overachiever because my dream was just to win one title. Now I'm on top of Mount Rushmore," he told the adoring crowd.

"It's always possible. The hard work, dedication and belief, anything is possible, and I'm a living testimony to that. A lot of people told me I wasn't going to become nothing. And half of y'all thought I was gonna be dead or in jail. But you know, I'm glad I turned my life around for the best. And like I say, it ain't how you start the race, it's always how you finish it."

> We measure greatness by eras... I'm gonna show each and every one of y'all why this era is the Terence Crawford era

Crawford's race is anything but finished, but he is in a position few have achieved. He is currently ranked the world's best active boxer, pound for pound, by The Ring magazine, Boxing Writers Association of America, the Transnational Boxing Rankings Board, ESPN and BoxRec.

The fight against Spence had a lot riding on it – including bragging rights for the boast of being the greatest in history. It was the most anticipated boxing match in several years, compared in many corners to other classic welterweight matchups such as the two between Robert Duran and Sugar Ray Leonard in 1980, Leonard and Thomas Hearns the following year, Pernell Whitaker and Julio Cesar Chavez in 1993 and Shane Mosley and Oscar De La Hoya in 2000.

Former heavyweight world champion Mike Tyson thought the potential of the Crawford-Spence clash transcended the weight division. "I haven't seen things like this in over 30 years – two of the best fighters in the world to decide who is truly the best," he said.

None of this was lost on Crawford, who saw the fight in glitzy Las Vegas as a legacy-defining bout. "How do we measure greatness? We measure greatness by eras. We had the Sugar Ray Robinson era, we had the [Muhammad] Ali era, the Marvin Hagler, the Tommy Hearns, you had the Floyd Mayweather, his era. [By defeating Spence] I'm gonna show each and every one of y'all why this era is the Terence Crawford era..."

In the end, the fight itself didn't match the hype – but Crawford's performance exceeded it. He knocked Spence down three times before finally ending matters at 2:32 of the ninth round on a technical knockout to cement himself as one of the greatest welterweights in history.

The fight made Crawford the first undisputed champion in the 147-pound division in the four-belt era that began in 2004. Crawford (40-0, 31 knockouts) already owned the WBO belt, and took the WBC, WBA and IBF titles from Spence (28-1). A knockout machine, he also ran his KO streak to 11 matches, the second-longest active stretch. The undisputed welterweight title adds to his belts he had won at the super lightweight (undisputed) and lightweight divisions.

A cultural moment

Crawford's victory didn't just make boxing history, it also created a moment of pop culture.

A big fight night on the Strip still brings out the rich and famous, with recording artist Andre 3000, rapper Lil Wayne, NBA star Damian Lillard and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones at T-Mobile Arena. They were among the celebrities that also included former boxing champions such as Tyson, Evander Holyfield, Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao. Crawford was introduced by reclusive rap superstar Eminem, whose iconic song 'Lose Yourself' played as the boxer walked to the ring before a sellout crowd of 19,990.

Crawford's win was another reminder of his remarkable resilience. Fifteen years ago, he survived a stray gunshot to the head after being caught in the wrong place with the "wrong crowd". The bullet reportedly hit him from behind when he was sitting in his car. Despite the loss of blood, he was able to drive himself to a hospital where he was treated.

"A lot of people who get shot at in the head don't survive, let alone be able to have all the faculties that I do," Crawford told Tyson on the latter's podcast, Hotboxin' with Mike Tyson.

The 35-year-old bruiser, because of where he has risen from, has always had a broad perspective about his sport and life, in general.

Talking about a boxer's life in 2019, Crawford said, "All those people that criticise boxers ... have never had the pleasure of getting knocked upside the head for 12 rounds. It's not fun. Boxers go in the ring one person and leave a different person. You go home, eat your popcorn, talk to your family and say, 'Oh, that was a great fight,' but it was a great fight for you to watch. You don't think about the fighters that went through hell to entertain you."

Setting an example

This perspective grounds Crawford, who is known in Omaha for giving back to the community. He is aware of his status as a role model and believes his success can inspire others from difficult backgrounds to reach for the stars. So, while the championship-winning southpaw's legacy is secure, he isn't resting on his laurels.

A rematch against Spence is one option for his next fight. Spence wants to box in the 154-pound division and Crawford has no problem moving up a weight class.

"I'm in the hurt business," Crawford said. "[One-]forty-seven is kind of hard for me, too. I was already talking about moving up in weight and challenging [current undisputed light middleweight champion Jermell] Charlo."

Another 'dream bout' is a showdown against Mexican great Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez, who holds the undisputed super middleweight crown – it's a matchup Crawford had refused to contemplate earlier because "Canelo is two, three, even four weight classes above me", but after the win over Spence, the history-maker suggested he was open to a catchweight fight with Alvarez.

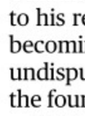
Alvarez, interestingly enough, is taking on Charlo in Las Vegas next month, so boxing fans will have to wait to see how the future shapes up. However the chips fall, you can be certain of one thing: Crawford will be betting on himself to make it 41-0.

STACKING UP

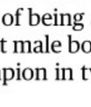
ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	20	9,395	17
2	Novak Djokovic	36	8,795	18
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	6,530	22
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	5,090	23
5	Holger Rune	20	4,790	22
6	Jannik Sinner	21	4,725	22
7	Casper Ruud	24	4,715	24
8	Andrey Rublev	25	4,595	25
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,605	26
10	Frances Tiafoe	25	3,050	22
11	Karen Khachanov	27	2,855	19
12	Alex de Minaur	24	2,595	24
13	Tommy Paul	26	2,525	25
14	Felix Auger-Aliassime	23	2,510	22
15	Cameron Norrie	27	2,425	23

Top Indians ▸



Sumit Nagal
Rank 191 ▼ 8 spots



Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 353 ▲ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	9,730	19
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,746	17
3	Jessica Pegula	29	6,030	19
4	Elena Rybakina	24	5,755	20
5	Ons Jabeur	28	4,746	17
6	Caroline Garcia	29	4,685	24
7	Coco Gauff	19	3,760	20
8	Maria Sakkari	28	3,510	23
9	Petra Kvitova	33	3,445	16
10	Marketa Vondrousova	24	3,211	16
11	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,840	19
12	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,745	23
13	Daria Kasatkina	26	2,735	26
14	Belinda Bencic	26	2,605	19
15	Madison Keys	28	2,580	20

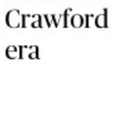
Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 182 ▼ 2 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 215 ▲ 2 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	314	10
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	189	2
3	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	149	0
4	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	148	0
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	99	0
6	George Russell	Mercedes	99	0
7	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	92	0
8	Lando Norris	McLaren	69	0
9	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	47	0
10	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	35	0
11	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	34	0
12	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	22	0
13	Alex Albon	Williams	11	0
14	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	9	0
15	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	5	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	4	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	3	0
18	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	2	0
19	Logan Sargeant	Williams	0	0
20	Daniel Ricciardo	AlphaTauri	0	0



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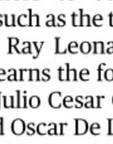


Sergio Perez

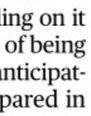
F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	503	12
2	Mercedes	247	0
3	Aston Martin	196	0
4	Ferrari	191	0
5	McLaren	103	0
6	Alpine	57	0
7	Williams	11	0
8	Haas	11	0
9	Alfa Romeo	9	0
10	AlphaTauri	3	0

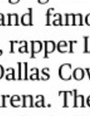
Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	107,305	13
2	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	87,211	17
3	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	77,778	16
4	Kodai Naraoka	76,915	22
5	Jonatan Christie	72,571	15
6	Li Shi Feng	71,448	20
7	Loh Kean Yew	71,262	20
8	Shi Yu Qi	70,524	19
9	Prannoy H. S.	70,437	19
10	Chou Tien Chen	64,317	21
11	Lakshya Sen	59,581	20
12	Anders Antonsen	57,110	14
13	Lee Zii Jia	56,576	19
14	Lu Guang Zu	55,510	18
15	Kenta Nishimoto	55,027	22

Top Indians ▸



Prannoy H. S.
Rank 9



Lakshya Sen
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	103,914	15
2	Akane Yamaguchi	101,917	16
3	Chen Yu Fei	92,116	14
4	Tai Tzu Ying	89,286	13
5	He Bing Jiao	83,274	16
6	Carolina Marin	76,890	16
7	Ratchanok Intanon	67,623	17
8	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	64,661	20
9	Han Yue	64,548	21
10	Beiwen Zhang	60,470	21
11	Wang Zhi Yi	56,670	16
12	Pornpawee Chochuwong	55,729	20
13	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	53,444	13
14	Michelle Li	52,711	19
15	P.V. Sindhu	51,770	17

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 15

Saina Nehwal
Rank 38

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	883	919
2	Joe Root	859	923
3	Steve Smith	842	947
4	Babar Azam	829	882
5	Marnus Labuschagne	826	937
6	Travis Head	818	884
7	Usman Khawaja	796	847
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Harry Brook	773	773
10	Rohit Sharma	759	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	879	904
2	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
3	Ravindra Jadeja	782	899
4	Stuart Broad	776	880
5	Pat Cummins	775	914
6	Shaheen Afridi	762	836
6	Ollie Robinson	762	820
8	James Anderson	761	903
9	Nathan Lyon	760	799
10	Jasprit Bumrah	756	835

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	886	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Fakhar Zaman	755	784
4	Imam-ul-Haq	745	815
5	Shubman Gill	743	743
6	Harry Tector	726	726
6	David Warner	726	880
8	Quinton de Kock	718	813
9	Virat Kohli	705	911
10	Steve Smith	702	752

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mitchell Starc	686	783
3	Rashid Khan	682	806
4	Mohammed Siraj	670	736
5	Matt Henry	667	691
6	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	661	712
7	Trent Boult	660	775
8	Adam Zampa	652	655
9	Shaheen Afridi	630	688
10	Kuldeep Yadav	622	765

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	907	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	713	816
2	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
4	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
4	Adil Rashid	684	746
6	Adam Zampa	678	743
7	Fazalhaq Farooqi	677	692
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	745
9	Sam Curran	673	688
10	Anrich Nortje	667	695

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NO: E-RD 74 GRC 2023 Date:12.07.2023

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon considering the report of the District Magistrate i.e Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru after due investigation of the complaints of depositors it has come to the notice of the Government, that M/s Muzaribha Bullion Trading LLP is involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that M/s Muzaribha Bullion Trading LLP and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of M/s Muzaribha Bullion Trading LLP and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of M/s Muzaribha Bullion Trading LLP.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Competent Authority, M/s Muzaribha Bullion Trading LLP and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable properties believed to belong M/s Muzaribha Bullion Trading LLP.

Therefore, the Government hereby attaches movable properties as specified in the Annexure to this order believed to have been acquired by the M/s Muzaribha Bullion Trading LLP either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the M/s Muzaribha Bullion Trading LLP and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishments, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishments is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid movable properties from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forthwith vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Santhosh Kumar N)
Under Secretary to Government (I/C)
Revenue Department (Special Cell)

ANNEXTURE

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1	BTC-0.79472809	17.32	ಮೆ: ಮುಜರಿಭಾ ಬುಲಿಯನ್ ಟ್ರೇಡಿಂಗ್ ಎಲ್.ಎಲ್.ಪಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾದ ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಪೈಜಾನ್ ಇವರು ಕ್ರಿಪ್ಟೋ ಕರೆನ್ಸಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿಯವರ ವ್ಯಾಲೆಟ್ ಖಾತೆಯಿಂದ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಐ.ಎಸ್.ಡಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯು FIR No.09/2020 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.12.2020 ರಂತೆ ಅಮಾನತ್ತು ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ISD Wallet ಗೆ ವರ್ಗಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
2	XRP-9,08,448.998140	388.00	

Sd/-
(Santhosh Kumar N)
Under Secretary to Government (I/C)
Revenue Department (Special Cell)

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EDUCATION HUB
A Business Initiative

Centre of Excellence on Healthcare and Smart Technologies inauguration at BNM Institutitute of Technology, Bangalore.

Dr. C.N Manjunath, Director, of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardio Vascular Sciences has highlighted the importance of Multidisciplinary research while inaugurating the Centre of Excellence on Healthcare and Smart Technologies at BNMIT. Dr. Manjunath mentioned that the future of health care service is poised for massive change due to advances in the Technology. Sri. Narayan Rao Maanay, Chairman, GB, BNMIT mentioned that this was an unique initiative. Dr. S Y Kulkarni highlighted the importance of the COE and gave the list of the facilities provided. All the Health care organizations with whom BNMIT has collaborated were felicitated on the occasion.
Prof. T.J RamaMurthy, Dr. S.Y. Kulkarni, Prof. Eishwar N Maanay and Dr. Krishnamurthy were present on the occasion.

Teams from 4 colleges win Kavach 2023 Cybersecurity Hackathon Award

LNCT University of Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh ; G H Raisoni College of Engineering and Business Management, Jalgoan, Maharashtra ; Bhilai Institute of Technology Durg, Chhattisgarh ; and Sri Krishna College of Engineering & Management, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu won the kavach - 2023 Cybersecurity Hackathon Award. The valedictory was held in AMC Engineering College, Bengaluru, the nodal centre in South India. The initiative aims to unearth innovative ideas and technological solutions to address challenges that law enforment agencies and oridnary citizens face with cybersecuirty. The awards were presented by Sunil Luthra, Director of All India Council for Technical Education. The National Cybersecurity Hackathon is a joint initiative launched by AICTE, Bureau of Police Research & Development, and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordinations Centre (I4C). This was started in Feb 2023 to help students understand and devise solutions for cybersecurtiy challenges and cybercrimes faced by people. At AMC, one of the five nodal centres, 20 teams from different colleges in the country were given four problem statements to find solutions. Mr Shyamsundar,Senior Adviser, National Assessment & Accreditation Council addressed the students on digital transformation been critical to Inida and data shows that we have been scaled. K R Paramahamsa, Chairman, AMC College, said Hackathons like these are important. "Strong cybersecurity systems are the need of the hour and all stakeholders are trying to tap young talented minds, which will also create new job opportunities" he added.

Two Day National Conference on "Relevance of Un enumerated Rights within the Constitutional Framework" at Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru

Recently Ramaiah College of Law, Bangalore in association with KSLU hosted Two Day National Conference on "Relevance of Unenumerated Rights within the Constitutional Framework". The Conference was inaugurated by Shri. H K Patil, Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice, Parliamentary affairs and Legislation, Government of Karnataka and Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore. Shri. H K Patil, emphasized on the initiatives taken by the Government of Karnataka on various schemes. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy deliberated on the constitutional history and highlighted key constituent assembly debates in this regard along with different interpretations given by the U.S Supreme Court. The Second day of the Conference was followed by the parallel sessions, where 55 paper presenters meticulously articulated on different unenumerated rights. The valedictory program concluded with the felicitation of Chief guests, all the Trust members, Principals and coordinators of collaborating institutes like SJR College of Law, Vidyodaya College of Law, Tumkur, Saraswathi Law College, Chitraduraga, Soundarya College of Law, Bangalore and Bangalore Law College by the Vice Chancellor of KSLU.

Kristu Jayanti College NCC Band bags the first place during the Independence Day Celebration at Maneckshaw Parade Ground

The Karnataka and Goa Directorate National Cadet Corps (NCC) Kristu Jayanti College Band was awarded the first place in the 77th Independence Day Parade, held in Manekshaw Parade Ground. Band commander Cdt. Shrikanth received the award from Honorable Deputy Chief Minister Shri D K Shivakumar and Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah also wished good luck to the first ever NCC band of Kristu Jayanti College. The NCC band has been led by Capt. Dr. Sarvesh and Lt. Khushbu ANO's of KJC NCC. Group Commander Col Basant Singh and Commanding Officer of 3Kar Bn NCC Lt. Coln. Damodaran PP also appreciated the KJC NCC Band for their outstanding performance. Fr Dr Augustine George, Principal, Kristu Jayanti College appreciated the NCC Band for their hardwork, recognition and excellent performance at the Independence Day Parade held here.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G2C

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tender for the following work:

E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/58/2023 Dated: 09-08-2023

Name of work	Approx. Value
Construction of New Broad Gauge Line Track Between Hirekotangal (Excl. 115500) and Mamadapur (Excl. 155000) @40'46@5 Km.) Under Ginigera (GIN) - Raichur (RC) New Line Project (165.57 Km) including Signalling, Telecommunication & Electrical Works. **(Tender Ref. No:HIREKOTANGAL-MAMDAPUR-EPC)**	Rs. 7,52,19,45,241.73

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 09-10-2023**

E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/59/2023 Dated: 10-08-2023

Name of work	Approx. Value
Construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line between Hadihalli (Excl.) (54880) and Belur (Incl.) (66480) (11.60 Km.) Under Kadur - Chikkamagalur - Belur New Line Project Including General Electrical and Electrification Works. **(Tender Ref. No:HADIHALLI-BELUR-EPC)**	Rs. 2,47,50,10,000.00

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 09-10-2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/Works
Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/306/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas my client **Mr. VISHAL .A** S/o Mr. Ashok Kumar G. Residing at No.213, 4th Main Road, Chamarajpet, BANGALORE-560018. is intending to purchase the under mentioned property hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the 'Schedule Property' from **1) Smt. MALA RAJU** W/o Late. K.S. Raju **1a) Sri. AKASH KOLAR RAJU 2) Miss. SRIDEVI alias K.S. SRIDEVI** D/o Late. Sri. K.S.S. Rao **3) Mr. K.S. MAHESH alias KOLAR SRINIVASA MAHESH** S/o Late. Sri. K.S.S. Rao **4) Mr. K.S. SATISH alias KOLAR SRINIVASA SATISH** S/o Late. Sri. K.S.S. Rao **5) Mr. K.S. RAKESH** S/o Late. Sri. K.S.S. Rao **6) Mrs. SUMA .S** W/o Sri. Chandrashekar D.S. D/o Late. Sri. K.S. Sudha BANGALORE-560070. who claims to be the legal heir and absolute owner/s of the 'Schedule Property'. Any other person/s who have any kind of right, claims, interest, over the 'Schedule Property' are herewith called upon to file their claims before the undersigned within Fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of their notice 'Kannada and English' News Paper with the relevant and concerned documents. If no such claim is filed within the given time my client shall proceed and purchase the 'Schedule Property' as 'no claims subsisting'.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of House Property Bearing Municipal No. 36 New No. 51, Situated at 4th Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018, BBMP Ward No.140-Chamarajpet, PID No. 46-6-51, measuring East to West 30'-0" feet and North to South 108'-0" feet, totally measuring 3240 Square Feet, bounded on the : East by : Previously property belongs to Seethamma's House No. 50/1, 3 Feet Lane and House No. 50, presently building owned by Sri. Manoj Kumar, West by : Previous property belong to House No. 52 owned by Smt. S. Alamelu presently Property belongs to Kings Enclave Apartment, North by : Fourth Main Road, South by : Conservancy Lane.

Together with 1852 Square Feet of RCC Roofed House Building Constructed thereon constructed more than 50 years.

Sd/- B. C. KEERTHI KISHORE, Advocate
Office: No.13, 3rd Cross, 8th, Main Jayanagar 1st Block East, BDA Layout, Bangalore-560 011
Ph. No. 9986466139 / 080-22449640

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the residential **Site No. 40,** BBMP Katha No. 12/37/2, measuring East to West 45 feet, North to South 30 feet, in all 1350 Sqft, lying within the converted land in Sy.No. 37/2, measuring 1 acre 30 guntas situated at Bellahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore Urban Dist, Bangalore and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Site No.48, North by: Site No. 39, South by: Site No.41, from present erstwhile owner Mr. Kiran H.B who has acquired the same through registered sale deed dated 22/09/2022 bearing No. KCH-1-04908-2022-23 of Book-1, Stored in C.D. No. KCHD 1184, registered in the office of the Sub- Registrar Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore. Whereas my client has entered into an agreement of sale dated 27/05/2023 with the erstwhile owner and any persons having any kind of right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims to the undersigned with documentary proof within 7 days from this day failing which my client will go ahead with the sale transaction.

K. BHANU PRASAD, Advocate
No. 408, 2nd Floor, Prabhat Complex, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.
Ph: 9845068206

IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & CJM AT RAMANAGARA
O.S No. 447/2022
BETWEEN: THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL OFFICE , CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD, Park House Road, Bangalore-560001. **...Plaintiff**
AND: T. RIPUNJAYA REDDY and others ....Defendants
(Notice for service by Advertisement in a Newspaper Order 5 Rule 20)
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No.1, 5 & 6
Defendant No.1) T. RIPUNJAYA REDDY, S/o T.V. Raghava Reddy, Aged about 63 years, R/at No.345. 16th Cross, 18th Main, 5th Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078.
Defendant No.5) V. BHASKAR REDDY, S/o Balavenkata Reddy, Aged about 58 years R/at No.119, 5th Main, Bikasipura, ISRO Layout Extn, Bangalore-560001.
Defendant No.6) MRS. B. TULASI, W/o B. Adishekara Reddy, Aged about 58 years, R/at No.W580, School Road, Anna Nagar, Wester Extension, Chennai-600101.
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has filed the above suit against you and 2 other defendants for the relief of (1) declare that the plaintiff is the absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the suit schedule property. (2) declare that the ex-parte award passed in AC No.16/2015 is not binding on the plaintiff (3) decree of permanent injunction against all the defendants. Take notice that you are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge & CJM at Ramanagara on **05/09/2023 at 11.A.M,** either in person pr through a counsel, failing which the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.
SCHEDULE A PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of non-Agricutural converted property bearing No.21/P1, new Sy No.21, measuring 8.00 Acres, situated at Kallaugoppanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluka, Bangalore District and bounded on: **East by :** Property of Nityanandaswamiji, **West by** : Remaining portion of the same Sy No. of K.R. Sashidhar **North by :** Xeanadu Layout, **South by :** Property of Pratap.
Given under my hand and seal of this court, on this the 18.08.2023.
By Order of the Court, Sheristedar Civil Judge (Sr. Dvn) & CJM Court, Ramanagara
Advocate for Plaintiff
D.H. MOKHASHI & ASSOCIATES,
Advocate, No.831, 2nd Floor, 'Jaya Shanthi Nele' 1st E Main, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, Girinagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560085.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G2C

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

E-Tender Notice No. 23 UBL 2023-24 Dated: 01-08-2023

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Hubballi Division:** Supply of water to Sompur Road, Kanginhal, Harlapur and Bannikoppa stations.	Rs. 4,42,800/-
2	**Hubballi Division:** Widening of formation width in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Ballari Jurisdiction.	Rs. 8,93,31,592/-
3	**Hubballi Division:** Widening of formation width in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Gadag Jurisdiction.	Rs. 4,29,69,201/-
4	**Hubballi Division: (Sub Work-I)** Provision of improvements of RUBs under Assistant Divisional Engineer/Ballari Jurisdiction. **(Sub Work-II)** Improvement to Exposed/Peeled out roof slab bottom/Beams etc and parapet wall to ROBs in Hosapete - Ballari section under Assistant Divisional Engineer/Ballari Jurisdiction. (Br no.153/A,163/A,202/A etc)	Rs. 1,09,99,764/-
5	**Hubballi Division:** Miscellaneous repairs work to staff quarters and service buildings in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Castle Rock Jurisdiction.	Rs. 1,91,64,808/-
6	**Hubballi Division:** Gadag - Hosapete (GDG-HPT) Section : Proposed rebuilding of existing coupled WDM-2 loading standard Bridge No. 107DN,119DN and 136DN on Gadag-Hosapete-Ballari section, as RCC box bridge.	Rs. 3,62,74,346/-
7	**Hubballi Division:** Balance Work for construction of limited Height Subway in lieu of LC No.94 at Km.173/300-400 in Hosapete-Ballari Section. (Balance Work)	Rs. 61,75,613/-
8	**Hubballi Division:** Hubballi Improvement /Provision of additional Height guage for RUB No. 253 near Hubballi Yard in view of safety.	Rs. 66,55,100/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 30-08-2023**

E-Tender Notice No. 24 UBL 2023-24 Dated: 02-08-2023

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Hubballi Division:** Proposed improvements to level crossing in Assistant Divisional Engineer/West jurisdiction.	Rs. 78,90,110/-
2	**Hubballi Division:** Hubballi Yard: TRR(P) 3,000 Tkm & Dharwad Alnavar Jn(UP & DN) -TRR(P) - 2.540 Tkm (In patches)	Rs. 37,50,344/-
3	**Hubballi Division:** Annual track maintenance for PWI/ Hubballi/West and PWI/Dharwad under Assistant Divisional Engineer//West jurisdiction for a period of 12 months.	Rs. 2,17,26,849/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 31-08-2023**

E-Tender Notice No. 25 UBL 2023-24 Dated: 10-08-2023

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Hubballi Division:** Belagavi (way side) Improvement works in Running rooms at Belagavi and Castlerock (BGM and CLR) Stations.	Rs. 84,85,217/-
2	**Hubballi Division:** Supply of water can to Level Crossing gates and gang units under Assistant Divisional Engineer/West/Hubballi Sub Division for a period of 24 Months.	Rs. 7,40,675/-
3	**Hubballi Division:** Hospete Jn-Ballari Jn:- Through Turnout Renewal (FS+TWS+WCMSC) - 54 sets in Senior Divisional Engineer/East jurisdiction.	Rs. 2,43,02,647/-
4	**Hubballi Division:** Repairs to staff quarters roof, flooring, doors and windows, courtyard cement flooring and compound wall, Drainage/UGD lines at BJP (Vijayapura) station of Quarters No:BJP/4B,19, 25, 26/A-D, 32/A-F, 33, 34, 35/A-B, 36, 38/A-C, 46, 53/A-D, 54/A-D, 55/A-D, 59/A-D, 60/A-B, 63/A-D, 78/A-F, 79, 80, 84,101/A-B and 112/A-H.	Rs. 43,72,777/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 08-09-2023**

E-Tender Notice No. 26 UBL 2023-24 Dated: 14-08-2023

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Hubballi Division:** Gadag-Hotgi section: Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of LC No. 90 Km. 206/8-9 in between Vijayapura-Minchanal stations by RH girder/Cut and cover method.	Rs. 8,16,59,056/-
2	**Hubballi Division:** Gadag-Hotgi section: Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of LC. No. 50 Km. 100/5-6 in between Bagalkot-Minchanal stations by RH girder/cut and cover method.	Rs. 6,51,23,667/-
3	**Hubballi Division:** Londa-Miraj (LD-MRJ) Section:Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of LC No. 436 Km. 695\0-1 in between Chikodi Road - Raybag (CKR-RBG) stations by RH girder cut and cover method.	Rs. 6,20,68,766/-
4	**Hubballi Division:** Londa-Miraj (LD-MRJ) Section:Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of LC No. 356 Km. 580/4-5 in between Gunji-Khanapur (GNJ-KNP) stations respectively by RH girder/cut and Cover method.	Rs. 6,12,90,155/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 12-09-2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/310/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ordination / Hubballi**

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department)
Karnataka Maritime Board
Office of the Executive Engineer, Port & Fisheries Division, 'Shamil Hall' 2nd floor, Ambalapady, Udupi-576103
Tel No: 0820-2532961, Fax No: 0820-2532961, Email: pfdudupi@gmail.com
No:EE: P&F: DVN: Udupi:AE:Tender Notification-01/2023-24: Dt.17-08-2023

Invitation for tenders (IFT) Two cover system Tender Notification (Two Document System)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in E-Procurement to execute below mentioned works. To participate in E-Procurement and for more information may be obtained in (**http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.
Name of work and Indent Number: (1) Development & Upgradation of Fish seed Production Farms in B.R Project and Gajanur in Shimoga District. Amount Put to Tender **Rs. 26,65,00,000.00**, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount) Rs. 26.65 lakhs (Rs.1.00 lakh e-payment + Rs.25.65 lakh as mentioned in bid document.) (2) Establishment of New Fish Farm at Alamatti Dam in Vijayapura District, Amount Put to Tender: **Rs.13,04,75,000.00**, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount) Rs.15.00 lakhs (Rs.1.00 lakh e-payment + Rs.14.00 lakh as mentioned in bid document.)
For the above Works: Last date for Quarries: **14-09-2023 at 16.00 hours,** Date of receipt of Tender: **16-09-2023 at 17.00 hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi

DIPR/ADU/KSMCA/169/23-24 Dt.18.08.2023

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, (East Zone, Lakes)
Room No.309, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.

No.EE/East(Lakes)//TN-01/2023-24 Date: 18-08-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Tender Notification)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, (East Zone, Lakes) invites item rate basis Tenders for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/ Railways/MES or any State Govt. Organisations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work & Category	Value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Annual Maintenance of Ulsoor Lake, **(General).**	46.13	92,260/-
2.	Annual Maintenance of Kaggadasapura Lake, **(General).**	13.35	33,375/-
3.	Annual Maintenance of Kelagina Byrasandra and Kacharakanahalli Lake, **(ST).**	11.29	14,113/-
4.	Repairs to fence in Ulsoor Lake. **(SC).**	45.00	45,000/-
5.	Providing pathway and other improvements works in Kacharakanahalli, **(General).**	46.00	92,000/-
6.	Repairs to fencing and other allied works in Kaggadasapura Lake, **(SC).**	49.00	49.000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of availability of Tender Documents: : **21-08-2023 after 10:00 a.m. (2)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders: **04-09-2023 upto 4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of opening of Tender bid: **05-09-2023 at 4:30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, (East Zone, Lakes), BBMP.

City Corporation Office, Davanagere.
No.: DCC:EE1:23-24Ten09/Corri/2023-24 Date: 16.08.2023

Tender Notice Corrigendum

In the Tender Notice of No. DCC:EE1:e.Tender:09:2023-24 date: 01.08.2023 invited through K.P.P. Portal in two cover system under Mahatma Gandhi Nagar Vikas Yojane (MGNVY) from the year 2019-20 to 2023-24 the dates of works for Sl. No. 01, Package No. 13, DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT2025 of Rs. 336.37 lakhs should be corrected as mentioned below. If there are any changes those dates should be viewed in K.P.P. Portal and any notification will not be issued.
Date and time of Pre-Bid Meeting: 30.08.2023, 11.00 hrs.
Last date and time for obtaining information regarding the tender: 16.09.2023, 16.30 hrs. Last date and time for submission of Technical Bid: 16.09.2023, 17.00 hrs. Date and time of opening the Technical Bid: 19.09.2023, 11.00 hrs.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer (Civil), City Corporation, Davanagere.

ICAR- Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Research Centre,
Cantonment, Ballari-583 104, Karnataka, India
Mobile: 8123481237, Email: soilcons21bly@gmail.com;

F No: 33/2023-24/Farm Date: 17.08.2023

OPEN AUCTION NOTICE

The Acting Head of the Centre, ICAR-IISWC, Research Centre, Ballari, Dist: Ballari is pleased to invite the intending bidders to participate in open auction notice for auction of naturally grown Subabul trees at Research Farm, Ballari on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** subject to the fulfilment of the following terms and conditions.

Sl.No.	Description	Date &Timings
1.	Date of issuance of Auction Notice	18.08.2023 17.00Hrs
2.	Bid Submission start Date	18.08.2023 17.00Hrs
3.	Last date & Time of Submission of Bid	08.09.2023 15.00Hrs
4.	Date and time of opening of Bid	08.09.2023 15.00-17.00 Hrs

Items particulars:-

S. N.	Name of the farm produce	No. of trees	Harvestable pulp wood (tons)	Location	EMD (Rs.)
1	Crop: Subabul Trees (Leucaena leucocephala)	1413	88.5 Harvestable diameter at breast height (dbh): >10cm	ICAR-IISWC, Research Farm, Ballari	13,000/-

*** GST Amount @ 18 % is to be paid in addition to Sale value by the successful bidder.**

Terms and conditions:

Interested bidders may participate in the open auction and may quote their lump sum rate for entire harvestable pulp wood (tons) 88.5 after depositing an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of demand draft drawn in favour of "Central Soil and Water Conservation" payable at State Bank of India, Ballari or any kind of e-payment (Centre's current account No: 10768619218 and IFSC: SBIN0000817) and proof of deposit must be submitted along with the tender form and failing of which tender shall be rejected.
The auctioned items should be taken away within fifteen days from the date of receipt of order at their own cost on **"as is where is basis"** after paying total balance bid / auction amount along with GST. Canvassing whether directly or indirectly in connection with the auction is strictly prohibited and by those participants/bidders who resort canvassing shall liable to be rejected. The rates should be quoted for the subabul pulp wood on weight basis (Rs. per tons). This centre will not allow/ entertain the participants who have not deposited the EMD. Only the firm/ person deposited the EMD is only allowed in the bid process.
In case of any dispute arising out of in relation to this auction shall be referred to the Acting Head, ICAR-IISWC, Research Centre, Ballari. For details please visit: www.cswcrtiweb.org, Email ID: soilcons21@gmail.com and cpp portal.

(Dr. M.Prabhavathi)
Acting Head

INBRIEF

Disruption in power supply in parts of city tomorrow

There will be power supply disruption on Sunday from 8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the area serviced 66/11kV A Station for carrying out quarterly maintenance work. According to a release from BESCOM, East Circle, the affected areas are: Sheshadri Road, Gandhi Nagar, Crescent Road, Fair Field Layout, Sheshadripuram, Vinayaka Circle, Kumara Parak East, Tank Bund Road, S.C. Road, part of K.G. Road, part of Hospital Road, Lakshman Puri area, Cubbonpet, Ananda Rao Circle, Vasantnagara, Sheshadri Road, High Grounds, part of OTC Road, B.V.K. Iyengar Road, part of Cubbonpet, Ramana Pet, C.T. Street, Chickpet, K.R. Circle, Nrupathunga Road, Anandappa Lane, Cottonpet, Magadi Road Railway Colony and surrounding areas.

Suresh Babu M. appointed as Director (Personnel) KSRTC

IAS Officer Sundaresh Babu M., who has been waiting to be posted, has been appointed as Director (Personnel), Karnatakar State Road Transport Corporation, Bengaluru, until further orders, according to a notification from the State government.

Civic body sets a timeline of 102 days to demolish unauthorised buildings in city

The Chief Commissioner has constituted zonal task force teams to assess, coordinate, and implement the order. They have been formed as the existing system is not equipped to carry out the process owing to the vastness of the city and enormity of violations in Bengaluru

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has set a timeline of 102 days to demolish buildings, which are either unauthorised or are being constructed violating approved buildings plans. The order was issued on July 27.

The Chief Commissioner constituted zonal task force teams to assess, coordinate and implement the order. Two teams each in eight BBMP zones – one for building plan violation and another for unauthorised construction – have a total of 19 members. Each team is headed by the zonal commissioner.

In July, the BBMP had issued an order directing the owners and builders to display building plan approvals. The civic body also issued notices to violators, and two buildings were razed in South zone.

In July, BBMP issued an order directing the owners and builders to display building plan approvals. It also issued notices to violators, and two buildings were razed to the ground in South zone. FILE PHOTO

Method of work

These task forces have to convene meetings every month to assess complaints, reports of violations from ward engineers, and coordinate between various departments, like law, revenue, and town planning.

The committee will also work to vacate stay orders secured by builders.

According to the order, which was accessed by *The Hindu*, after complaints about violation or unauthorised buildings are received, they have to be forwarded to ward engineers. The ward engineers have to submit a report to the assistant engineer or junior engineer in the zone in seven days.

On the 15th day after filing of complaint, BBMP will be serving a notice to the owner or builder, if necessary.

The Additional Director, Town Planning (ADTP) has a deadline of five days to serve the notice.

About 15 days will be given to owner or builder to respond to the notice. Seven days after this, the order for demolition has to be issued.

On the 70th day, the ADTP or Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) has to send a proposal to the Executive Engineer (EE) for preparation of estimate and to appoint an agency for demolition. EE has to approve the estimate, and a notice should be issued for evacuation.

Seven days will be given for the occupants to vacate the building.

On the 102nd day, the task force or ADTP or AEE will oversee commencement of demolition.

The demolition process should be completed in seven days from the day of commencement.

Reason

The task force teams have been constituted as the existing system is not equipped to carry out the process due to the vastness of the city, and enormity of violations and unauthorised buildings in Bengaluru.

Girish N., ADTP, BBMP, said the teams will focus on coordination, as all the files from various departments will land on one table. "The BBMP is committed to implementing the order," he said.

Shivakumar holds closed-door meeting with BBMP SIT teams

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Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister, D.K. Shivakumar held a closed-door meeting with heads of the special investigation teams to discuss the course of the probe, on Friday.

The Urban Development Department (UDD) had set up four teams to probe projects sanctioned between 2019 and 2023 during the previous BJP regime in solid waste management, road infrastructure, storm water drain and lake development. The order that was passed on Aug 5 had instructed the teams to submit reports in 30 days. The officials who attended the meeting remained tight-lipped about the subject of discussions in the meeting.

Sources in BBMP said various topics pertaining to the probe were discussed like what aspects needed to be investigated and timeline for the probe.

An official said the investigation teams feel that the 30-day timeline that was set by the government is inadequate as they have to access files of three long years.

The official said the teams may had sought more time to complete the probe.

Zero Shadow Day

Students witnessing the celestial event known as 'Zero Shadow Day' that takes place twice a year at locations between +23.5 and -23.5 degrees latitude, at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Gangrape accused shot at while trying to escape after attacking police personnel

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A gangrape accused was shot at on his leg by Bannerghatta police after he allegedly attempted to attack police personnel in a bid to escape in the morning hours on Friday. The accused, identified as Soma, 26, is an autorickshaw driver by profession.

The police had arrested three persons for their alleged involvement in the rape and murder of 39-year-old mentally-challenged woman. The woman's half-naked body was found by the villagers lying unattended on August 13. The other accused who are unemployed have been identified as Harish, 24, and Jayanth Rao, 19, The woman was missing since Saturday after she went out for a walk with her niece.

The incident came to light when a few youth who were partying in a grove near the forest area heard cries of a child. The youth found the child with minor injuries on the face. Tension gripped the village when the body was found with villagers who alleged that the village is unsafe for women to venture out post evening.

After the arrest of the accused, the police had taken Soma to conduct a mahajar of a spot where he had thrown a dagger. The same dagger was used to kill the woman, said the police. A senior police officer told *The Hindu* that picking up the dagger, he made an attempt to attack the police to escape after which the police shot fire in air to warn the accused.

This face-off prevailed for a few minutes and when the accused did not heed to the warning, the police opened fire and shot at his leg. He was later taken to the hospital. The police said he had a murder case pending and is a drug addict.

Doctor's name misused to show she is running kidney trade

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Online fraudsters used the name of a medical practitioner from Bengaluru for a fake kidney trading website, which is allegedly duping gullible public in the name of offering cash for selling the vital organ. An FIR was registered at the North East CEN police station on August 11.

In the complaint, the doctor claimed that her name was mentioned on the website to make it look like she is running a 'kidney transplant centre'. The doctor, who practises gynaecology, claimed that the development has brought disrepute to her name. Her husband is also a medical practitioner. The website was up and running when *The Hindu* accessed the link mentioned in the FIR. The website, titled 'kidney transplant centre', states: "Are you in need of money? Sell your kidney today to get ₹6 crore. Contact (doctor's name). We buy one kidney for ₹6 crore Indian Rupees ($824,000 U.S. Dollars). You can sell one of your kidneys and still lead a normal life. After the surgery, you will be healthy and strong. The operation is 100% guaranteed and successful.

"We pay 50% (₹3 crore Indian Rupees) after the registration and the remaining (₹3 crore Indian Rupees) will be paid immediately after surgery."

The website has not furnished an office address, but has posted a WhatsApp number. The WhatsApp number leads to a chatbox (business account). A regular call cannot be made to this number as incoming calls are barred.

Woman dies after being run over by school bus on Magadi Road

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A 58-year-old woman, who was travelling pillion along with her husband, was killed in an accident after a school bus ran over her on Thursday. The woman fell on the road after the scooter lost balance as the tyre hit a small stone on a poorly maintained stretch on Magadi road in Chikkagollarahatti.

According to the police, the woman, identified as Sumangala, was travelling with her husband to their house in the evening hours.

While both the woman and her husband fell on the road, a school bus that was coming from behind ran over her, killing her on the spot.

Driver on the run

The driver fearing arrest escaped from the accident scene leaving the bus behind. Madanayakanahalli police registered an FIR and the search for the driver is still under way.

India's first 3D printed post office is now open for business at Cambridge Layout in Bengaluru

This is said to be the first commercial building to have used 3D printing technology. It has a built-up area of 1,000 sq ft. The post office was built with 3D Concrete Printing Technology by Larsen and Toubro Construction

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The first 3D printed post office in India was inaugurated at Cambridge Layout in east Bengaluru on Friday by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology.

This is said to be the first commercial building to have used 3D printing technology. It has a built-up area of 1,000 sq ft.

The post office was built with 3D Concrete Printing Technology by Larsen and Toubro Construction. It was originally scheduled to finish within 45 days. However, work was completed in 43 days. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras helped the construction team with the structural design.

The post office will house the Ulsoor Bazaar post office, which will henceforth be known as Cambridge Layout post office.

Praising the energy and positivity of Bengaluru during the inauguration, Mr. Vaishnaw said, "This city always presents a new picture of India. This 3D post office building, which we saw today, is that new picture, and also represents the spirit of India today. That is the spirit with which the country is progressing." P.C. Mohan, Bengaluru Central MP, suggested that, not just the postal department, but various government departments should integrate 3D printing technology for their buildings. "As the design can be customised to each site, it could be a cost-cutting solution," he said.

Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the 3D printed post office building at Ulsoor in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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3D printing technology was adopted to build this building as it saves cost by 30-40% when compared with conventional construction methods. While taking less time, the technology also offers more flexibility to the shape of the building. The postal department released a special cover of the building.

Taking to social media platform X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said, "Every Indian would be proud to see India's first 3D printed post office at Cambridge Layout, Bengaluru. A testament to our nation's innovation and progress, it also embodies the spirit of a self-reliant India. Compliments to those who have worked hard in ensuring the post office's completion."

Bedrock of stability gives Red Bull wings

The reigning F1 champion's constancy of vision and top personnel has been in marked contrast to the chaos and churn among its rivals. This cohesion has allowed Christian Horner's crew — guided by design genius Adrian Newey — to extend its dominance to the first half of 2023

S. Dipak Ragav

This year's Formula One mid-season report can be summed up in a few ways.

The most obvious is that Max Verstappen will win his third straight world title, joining a select group of drivers to have achieved this and securing his place among the sport's greats.

Verstappen and Red Bull have dominated the first half, with the reigning drivers' champion claiming 10 of the 12 races and finishing second twice. Red Bull is yet to lose; Sergio Perez has taken the other two wins. As outlandish as this sounds, the team, in its current form, could win the remaining 10 races unless it implodes through driver errors or reliability issues.

However, another view is that Red Bull's competitors have capitulated, making it easy for the energy drink giant to run away with it.

Red Bull's main rivals with deep pockets – Mercedes, Ferrari, and in the next tier, Alpine and McLaren – have failed to nail the new regulations

Cracking a regime change

After the introduction of new aero regulations last year, Red Bull – guided by its resident genius, arguably the most successful F1 car designer ever, Adrian Newey – has been the standout team. Getting the initial concept right is the key to cracking a big rules shake-up. This sets the foundation on which performance can be added. Typically, the second year of new regimes sees teams close the gap as they understand the car better and converge towards similar concepts.

Unfortunately for the sport, Red Bull's main rivals with deep pockets – Mercedes, Ferrari, and in the next tier, Alpine (owned by the Renault Group) and McLaren – have failed to nail the new regulations and are on the back foot.

To make things worse, not only have these teams been left behind technically, but they have also had to deal with organisational issues that have compounded their woes. Some of these teams have been putting out fires inside their factories, allowing Red Bull to coast to both titles.

A vital ingredient of success, especially in team sport, is a certain sense of stability. It could be the stability of the principal actors, such as the athletes and support staff, or of the vision, which in F1 is best expressed through the car concept. You seldom have one without the other.

Nothing good ever comes from constantly tinkering with the personnel in a team setting, where it often takes time for all the characters to sing from the same hymn sheet.

F1 cars are long gestational projects. Work for the new season starts months ahead. So, it's paramount that the top management is stable through this period.

While Newey's greatness is undeniable – he has steered three teams (Williams, McLaren and Red Bull) to glory – Red Bull has found a way to extract his best. It allows him his space without too much interference and team principal Christian Horner shields the race crew from the owners. This stability at the top level, with Newey acting as the guiding force under whom many talented engineers work, has delivered tremendous success.

Stark disparity

Ferrari is a study in contrast. Last year, the Italian marque initially seemed to have a winning car that allowed Charles Leclerc to stay in the hunt. But Ferrari's concept did not have a high ceiling. It also couldn't keep up with Red Bull's relentless development. Moreover, the team wasn't sharp operationally, fumbling race wins because of poor strategic calls. As a result, its campaign fizzled out.

The team returned to its 'football manager mentality', firing team principal Mattia Binotto. He was the fourth team principal to have been sacked over the last 10 years. Along with Binotto, there has been an exodus of engineers from Maranello. Instead of empowering him to sharpen the race operations, the team appears to have thrown the baby out with the bathwater.

When Binotto took over as technical director in 2017, there was a cultural shift in Ferrari for the better. The team developed innovative designs in 2017 and 2022 – years in which significant changes in aero regulations were introduced.

Aerodynamics had been Ferrari's weakness for a long time, and under Binotto, the team seemed to be getting braver without the fear of failure. Even in 2022, Ferrari charted a unique design concept that proved successful at the start before the returns diminished. It remains to be seen whether the team maintains that creative spirit under new leader Frederic Vasseur.

Mercedes, too, has had its recent share of organisational challenges. The team once set the benchmark for efficiency: with a no-blame culture, it effectively handled the transition of the senior technical leadership from Ross Brawn to Paddy Lowe to James Allison, as it steamrolled the opposition to win eight constructors' and seven drivers' titles between 2014 and 2021.

However, last year the team arrived with a flawed size-zero sidepod concept and has been playing catch-up ever since. It took a year to solve the problem of the car bouncing uncontrollably on the straights. It also couldn't add performance at the rate needed to challenge Red Bull.

Internally, the team had to reorganise, with Allison, who took on a less hands-on role as chief technical officer, returning as the technical director. He swapped positions with Mike Elliott, who was in charge of the design for the 2022 and 2023 cars. The team plans to abandon its 2022 concept, which could mean more chances to trip up on a new path.

Further behind Mercedes and Ferrari, things are equally grim at McLaren and Alpine.

Wholesale changes

Before the Belgian GP, Alpine decided in one swoop to shove out the senior management. The team finished fourth last year and has ambitions of moving up the grid. But after a poor start to the season – it languishes in sixth – the boardroom removed team principal Otmar Szafnauer, who was in the job for just over 18 months, and sporting director Alan Permane, who had been with the Enstone-based team for more than three decades, among others.

At McLaren, the team realised early last year that it had made a costly error with its design and started 2023 with one of the slowest cars on the grid, which eventually cost technical director James Key his job. While the new technical leadership has done its best to get the team back on track, the rejig has delayed the efforts to be consistently at the sharp end of the grid.

Not only have rivals allowed Red Bull to disappear out of sight in 2023, they have also afforded the reigning champion more time to work on next year's car – a crucial head start.

Now all eyes will be on whether these changes at some of F1's top teams bear fruit soon enough to make the 2024 season closely fought. F1's long-term future depends on the teams being evenly matched. Without that, the commendable work done to make the sport financially sustainable and the racing closer will have been in vain.

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The world's leading male sprinters in 2023

With the World Athletics Championships getting underway in Budapest today, we run an eye over some of the leading male contenders in the two marquee sprint events, the 100m and 200m, by listing the fastest men this year

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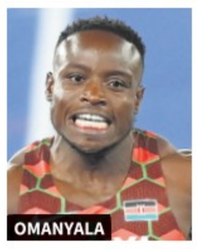

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100m: Fastest men in 2023

Athlete	Country	Timing	Venue
Zharnel Hughes	GBr	9.83	New York
Ferdinand Omanyala	Ken	9.84	Nairobi
Fred Kerley	USA	9.88	Yokohama
Ackeem Blake	Jam	9.89	Los Angeles
Pjai Austin	USA	9.89	Austin
Courtney Lindsey	USA	9.89	Austin
Issamade Asinga	Sur	9.89	Sao Paulo
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Cravont Charleston	USA	9.90	Kuortane
Terrence Jones	Bah	9.91	Gainesville
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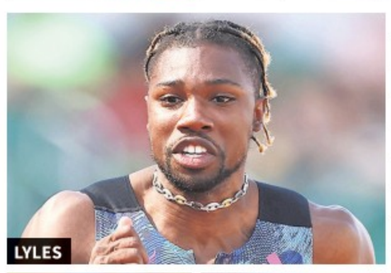

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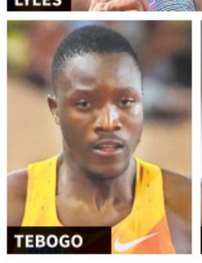

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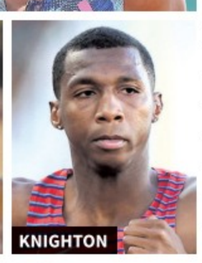

KNIGHTON

200m: Fastest men in 2023

Athlete	Country	Timing	Venue
Noah Lyles	USA	19.47	London
Letsile Tebogo	Bot	19.50	London
Erriyon Knighton	USA	19.72	Eugene
Zharnel Hughes	GBr	19.73	London
Udodi Chudi Onwuzurike	Ngr	19.76	Austin
James Dadzie	Gha	19.79	Lubbock
Kenneth Bednarek	USA	19.82	Eugene
Courtney Lindsey	USA	19.85	Eugene
Fred Kerley	USA	19.86	Eugene
Terrence Jones	Bah	19.87	Austin
Robert Gregory	USA	19.89	Austin
Christian Coleman	USA	19.93	Eugene
Tarsis Gracious Orogot	Uga	19.94	Austin
Reynier Mena	Cub	19.95	Savona
Issamade Asinga	Sur	19.97	Lubbock

SOURCE: WORLD ATHLETICS

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Flutter by

This photograph captures Dominica's Jasmine Schofield in action at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Couva, Trinidad And Tobago, earlier this month.

The stroke she is swimming is the butterfly (or fly), considered by coaches as the most difficult to learn. It's also the 'newest' of the four primary strokes. Although swimming has been a part of the Olympics since 1896, the fly first featured only in 1956.

The butterfly is swum on the chest, both arms moving together in a wide rotary stroke. This is accompanied by the 'dolphin kick', the legs working in unison, driven by an undulating movement of the hips.

The stroke evolved as an improvement on the breaststroke — Australian Sydney Cavill reportedly developed the fly in the early 1930s. It was initially swum with the breaststroke kick before the dolphin kick was developed.

The fly actually has a higher peak velocity than freestyle because of the simultaneous propulsion of the limbs. But its recovery phase is much slower. It's also more tiring. As a result, it's slightly slower than freestyle, particularly over longer distances.

Banashankari residents find underground power cable passing through overflowing manhole

The manhole was damaged and got choked by the laying of insulated power cables, which Bescom was also unaware of. When it started overflowing, the BWSSB was informed first, say residents

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As underground power lines are laid using the horizontal drilling method, there is possibility of cables passing through manholes. FILE PHOTO

BWSSB staff, along with residents, opened the manhole and found a power cable. On seeing the cable, BWSSB staff refused to carry out the work fearing electrocution

Residents of 4th T block in Banashankari 6th stage were aghast to see a 11 KV cable passing through a manhole that was opened as it was overflowing. The cause for overflow was that the line was choked.

According to the residents, the manhole was damaged and got choked by the laying of insulated power cables, which the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Bescom) was also unaware of. When it started overflowing, residents first informed the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB).

BWSSB staff, along with residents opened the manhole and found a power cable. On seeing the cable, BWSSB staff refused to carry out the work fearing electrocution.

When a few days back overflow increased, the residents again requested the BWSSB to fix the problem, as the street was inundated with sewage. BWSSB workers took a risk and repaired it.

Vajapeyam Srivatsa, a resident, said residents pooled in money and laid cement around the manhole to ensure mud or debris did not fall inside the pit. But, Mr. Srivatsa said, as the sewage was overflowing, there was a possibility of electrocution. Although the cable was insulated, any damage to the insulation would enable electricity to pass through water. When Bescom realised the gravity of the problem, they started work to shift the cable from the manhole, but only after the problem was reported to the office of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah'.

An Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Bescom, said, "In many places, cables have passed through manholes. They do not pose any risk, as these cables are insulated. However, when they receive complaints from residents about the same, the contractors are directed to shift the line. The cables are safe, and there is no need to worry. Cables will be damaged only if someone uses a sickle while digging."

Isolated case

Nagaraj S.R., General Manager (CR), Bescom told *The Hindu*, "This is an isolated case. Sometimes, errors happen. Earlier, when underground cables were being laid, trenches were dug. One could see clearly the route of the cable from above. Nowadays, the horizontal drilling method is preferred. In this method, workers cannot see what's under the ground. As a result, the cable passed through a manhole. When such cases are found, cables will be shifted."

BBMP ward delimitation draft notified

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The Urban Development Department (UDD) notified the draft copy of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) ward delimitation late on Friday.

The draft of 225 wards with names and boundaries has been released for the public to file objections. Earlier, the government, withdrawing the previous final notification issued by the then BJP government, had issued a fresh order reducing the number of wards from 245 to 225.

Objections

The Congress alleged that the previous BJP government had notified the delimitation, committing multiple violations.

The notification issued on Friday said individuals, institutions, organisations and other establishments should submit objections within 15 days from the date of the draft notification.

The people have to send objections to the UDD Department.

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PSI suspended for sending derogatory messages to police officer

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The Bengaluru City Police Commissioner suspended Basaveshwaranagar police sub-inspector K.T. Satish for allegedly sending derogatory messages to a senior police officer after he was pulled up for taking a bribe in a rape case. He was suspended about 10 days back.

False promise

About a year ago, when a woman filed a complaint alleging rape against her live-in partner, the PSI, assistant sub-inspector, and a head constable had allegedly collected a bribe of ₹25,000, promising her that they would get her married to the accused.

Evidence destroyed

A senior police officer said the trio also collected money from the accused and destroyed vital evidence. After the victim approached higher officials, a departmental inquiry was ordered, and a case was registered in another police station as the victim was harassed at Basaveshwaranagar police station.

In the department inquiry, when allegations were proven, the increment of all the police personnel was postponed for two years.

Order issued

Angered by this development, the PSI was sending derogatory messages to a senior police officer and the same was reported to the Police Commissioner.

The Commissioner issued an order suspending PSI.

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Theft of fence poses new challenge on Bengaluru-Mysuru access controlled Expressway

Thieves stole a fence on a 1-km stretch near Channapatna and sold the metal as scrap. Removal of fencing increases risk of accidents on the Bengaluru-Mysuru access controlled Expressway

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru-Mysuru access controlled Expressway is encountering a new challenge – thieves have set their sights on the protective fence lining its edges. Over the past few days, theft of fencing has been reported in Channapatna and other locations along the route. The fence is intended to deter jaywalking.

Recently, thieves stole the fence on a 1-km stretch near Channapatna, and sold the metal as scrap. According to local police, the fence has been stolen at Thittamaranahalli in Channapatna taluk, which has increased the risk of accidents on the access controlled expressway.

A senior police officer in Channapatna said there has been a notable surge in theft of the metal fence along the expressway.

"An entire km of fencing was stolen and then sold as scrap. These thefts take place at night. Efforts are underway to apprehend the culprits," an officer said. The main purpose of erecting the fencing is to prevent the interaction of pedestrians, livestock, and dogs with the main carriageway, as such encounters could increase the likelihood of accidents. According to Thittamaranahalli resident Madhushankar Gowda, over the past 15 days, sections of the fence have been systematically dismantled. "There is widespread speculation that these miscreants are selling the stolen fence as scrap to make quick money. The absence of the fence has resulted in cows and dogs accessing the main carriageway, thereby creating challenges for motorists," he said.

Iron fence has been removed on some stretches of Bengaluru-Mysuru access controlled Expressway. The main purpose of erecting the fencing is to prevent entry of pedestrians, livestock, and dogs into the main carriageway, and reduce the likelihood of accidents. FILE PHOTO

Shankarappa B., another resident, expressed concern over the increasing incidents of fence theft, noting that the authorities have yet to respond effectively to apprehend the culprits. "Police should take this issue seriously. Lack of action will inevitably contribute to a rise in accidents along a stretch that is already notorious for accidents.The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is yet to replace the stolen fencing," he added.

Police officials said that they will increase patrolling along the stretch to curb instances of fence theft. NHAI officials could not be reached for a statement on the theft

Increase in patrolling

Police officials said that they will increase patrolling along the stretch to curb instances of fence theft. A senior police official said, "We have initiated heightened patrolling in the areas where thefts were reported. We are committed to further intensify our efforts by increasing patrolling."

NHAI officials could not be reached for a statement regarding the theft of fencing.

Hindustani musical concert from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To mark the Kumar Gandharva's Birth Centenary, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Regional Centre, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Kumara Gandharva Prathishthan, supported by Sapthak Bangalore, will hold a two-day Hindustani music concert from Saturday.

On Saturday, there will be a vocal concert by Bhuvanesh Komkali, Sitar concert by Manju Mehta and vocal concert by Kaivalya Kumar. The two-day event will be held at Ravindra Kalakshetra on J.C. Road between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Entry is free.

Books invited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Dr. H. Girijamma Sneha Balaga has invited books from women doctors on medical literature, novel, collection of poetry, essay and travelogue for Dr. H. Girijamma Literary award 2022. The award carries a cash prize of ₹25,000 and a citation. Three copies of the books should reach Dr. H. Girijamma Sneha Balaga in Basaveshwaranagar.

Book on Kannada literature to be released tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The book titled 'Mahaniyara Maathugalalli Mahaneeyaru' by Dr. S. Ranganath will be released on Sunday by S.R. Ramaswamy, editor-in-chief of Rashtrotthana Sahitya.

The two-volume book is a collection of opinions of various prominent authors on 200 works of Kannada literature. The foreword for the book has been written by Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa.

This book marks the 120th work of Dr. Ranganath.

The event will be held at D.V.G. Sambhagana, Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs premises, N.R. Colony at 10.30 a.m.

The event willbe live streamed on also YouTube - gipa.liveevents.

KARNATAKA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
Mukthagangothri, Mysuru – 570 006
No. KSOU/AB/Est-1/620/2023-24 Dated: 16.08.2023

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited in the prescribed format along with the relevant copies of documents (eight sets) from the eligible Indian Nationals for the following Teaching Posts of various Departments of Studies (comprising Post-graduate, Graduate, Diploma courses) of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru. The eligible Indian Nationals residing abroad (NRIs) are also eligible to apply. **Those who have already applied in response to this University Notification of even number dated: 18.10.2021, need not apply again. However, they shall remit difference application fee of Rs. 500/- (in case of SC/ST and Cat-I: Rs.250/-) for the post of Professor and Rs.800/- (in case of SC/ST and Cat-I: Rs.400/-) for the post of Associate Professor. Further, additional information/ documents accomplished by them in support of their claims if any, in the concerned subjects shall be submitted in eight sets.**

The Application Fee for the post of Professor and Associate Professor is Rs. 2000/- (In case of SC/ST and Cat-I Rs. 1000/-). Duly filled-in Application forms along with necessary enclosures should reach the **Registrar, Karnataka State Open University, Mukthagangothri, Mysuru – 570 006** (Karnataka State) on or before **27.09.2023.**

Details of Teaching Posts

Sl. No.	Department of Studies (comprising of Post-graduate, Under-graduate and Diploma courses)	Professor No. of Posts	Associate Professor No. of Posts
01	Kannada	01	02
02	Hindi	-	01
03	English	01	02
04	Commerce	01	02
05	Management	01	02
06	History	01	02
07	Sociology	01	01
08	Political Science	01	01
09	Economics	-	02
10	Education	-	01
11	Library & Information Science	-	01
12	Physics	-	01
13	Chemistry	-	01
14	Mathematics	-	01
15	Microbiology	-	01
16	Geography	-	01
17	Psychology	-	01
18	Computer Science	-	01
19	Biotechnology	-	01
	Total	**07**	**25**

PROFESSOR: 07 (Seven) Posts:
Out of Seven Posts, 01 Post is reserved for Hyderabad Karnataka (Kalyana Karnataka) (under 371J) Candidates for the subject **History**.
The Reservation for the Other 06 Posts of Professor is prescribed as below:

Categories	Total Posts	Reservation
Schedule Caste	01	Others-1
Schedule Tribe	01	Others-1
General Merit	03	Woman-1, Rural-1, Others-1
Category II-A	01	Others-1

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR: 25 (Twenty five) Posts.
Three posts are reserved for Hyderabad Karnataka (Kalyana Karnataka) (under 371J) Candidates for the subject **Education, Physics and Mathematics.**
Reservation for 03 posts of Hyderabad-Karnataka/ Kalyana Karnataka Region are as follows:
SC – 01 (Others-1); GM – 01 (Others-1); ST - 01 (Others-1)
The Reservation for the other 22 posts of Associate Professor is prescribed as below:

Categories	Total Posts	Reservation
Schedule Caste	03	(Women-1, Rural-1, Physically Challenged -1)
Schedule Tribe	01	(Others-1)
General Merit	10	(Women-3, Rural-3, Physically Challenged-1, Ex-Ser.-1, Others-2)
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Deepa Cholan is new DULT Commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

M. Deepa Cholan was appointed as the new Commissioner of the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) on Friday, according to a government order by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

Along with this concurrent charge, she has also been appointed as the Managing Director, Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC), Bengaluru.

Manjula. V., who was the Commissioner of DULT, was transferred and posted as the Chairman of the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal, Bengaluru.

Bengaluru is the most important trading partner, says U.S. Consul General

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru is one of the United States' most important trading partners in India, contributing greatly to the bilateral trade relationship between the U.S and India, said Christopher W. Hodges, U.S. Consul General in Chennai.

Consul General Hodges said that the economic partnership between the United States and India was flourishing, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs in both countries, and spurring technological innovation. Bengaluru alone has over 650 American companies.

Reaffirming the Consulate General Chennai's commitment to working with business communities in Karnataka and across South India to further the U.S.-India trade partnership, he said, "U.S.-India commercial cooperation in the space, technology, renewable energy, healthcare, education, and aerospace sectors is stronger than ever. As we celebrate 30 years of the U.S. Commercial Service in Bengaluru, I can't wait to see the partnerships and prosperity that the next 30 years will bring."

Christopher W. Hodges, Consul General of the U.S. Consulate in Chennai, met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In his maiden visit to the city, Mr. Hodges met with Karnataka government representatives including Priyank Kharge, minister IT, BT, and Rural Development, Panchayat Raj, bureaucrats, scientists, business leaders, and entrepreneurs to underscore strong economic and commercial ties between the countries. U.S. Commercial Service Office completed 30 years of operations in Bengaluru.

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E-Procurement Tender Notice

Name of Work: Request for Proposal/Bid (RFP)/RFB for appointment of PMA for "Consultancy Services for Assisting and Supporting in Project Management to NDMC for Implementation of (i) Smart System Metering Work (DT and Feeder Metering) and (ii) Implementation of Loss Reduction Infrastructure Works under Phase-I of RDSS, GoI".
Tender Value: Rs. 4,83,00,000/-
Tender ID No.: 2023_NDMC_246158_1
Date of Release of tender through e-procurement solution : 16.08.2023
Pre-Bid Meeting (In the O/o CE(E-II), Palika Kendra, ND) : 22.08.2023 at 11:30 Hrs.
Last date/time for receipt of tenders through e-procurement : 05.09.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.
Date/time for opening of Bid through e-procurement : 05.09.2023 at 15:30 Hrs.
Further details can be seen at **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in** and **https://www.ndmc.gov.in/tenders.aspx**
Note:- To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with application services provider NIC is mandatory.

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Executive Engineer (E) RDSS

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E-Tender Notice No. SA-TRD-2023-24-121 dated 17.08.2023

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TRD branch / Salem Division, Salem - 5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The Tenderer(s)/ Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for works in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tender will be accepted All the tenderers/Contractors have to deposit full earnest money and tender document cost as stipulated for the tender, through online modes as permitted in IREPS application through multiple banks net banking, debit and credit cards only. It is the responsibility of Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to obtain Digital Signature certificates for participating e-tendering.

Tender No.: SA-TRD-2023-24-122

Name of work: Service maintenance contract (SMC) of M/s Cummins make tower car diesel Engine with OEM/Authorized dealer of Cummins India Limited, Pune for a period of 2 years in Salem Division

Appx. value of the work (in lakh)	₹ 75.34
Cost of tender form	₹ 0
Amount of EMD	₹ 150700
Completion period of work	2 years
Tender closing date and time	15.09.2023 at 15.00 Hrs.

Complete details of the above tenders are given on the e-portal **"www.ireps.gov.in".**
For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal **"www.ireps.gov.in".** The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.

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'Fundamental thinking of India has changed'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The fundamental thinking of India has changed in the last 10 years and as a result the country has witnessed a mushrooming of a large number of start-ups across industry verticals, said Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw here on Friday.

Speaking at the G20 Digital Economy Ministers' meeting the minister said, 10 years ago the country had only around 500 startups and today it has around 1,10,000 startups.

"That is because our country has been witnessing an awakening of its innovative and development spirit, an urge to do something to find solutions to our problems. This new awakening has resulted in the formation of these startups."

Speaking on the occasion, Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, Meity said, the department under the Global Digital Innovation challenge received an overwhelming response to its call to create solutions/productions/innovations in the areas of agritech, edtech, healthtech, fintech, circular economy and secured digital infrastructure, from the global startup community.

"We received some 5000 applications from diverse startups from across the globe, these were shortlisted to 123 and finally solutions/products/innovations ideas of 30 startups were chosen and recognised today," he added.

Government of Jharkhand
Urban Development and Housing Department
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E Procurement Notice Tender Notice No. 07
NIT No. - NIT/RGH/NP/07/2022-23 (Urgent Tender 2nd Call)
Date: 17/08/2023

Sl No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of Work	Request for Proposal for Selection of Bidder for "Bioremediation and Clearing of Legacy Waste (Scientific Dumpsite Land Reclamation through Bio mining and Resource Recovery) at at Trenching Ground & Sewaigarha Kaitha Dumpsite, Ramgarh Nagar Parishad, Jharkhand
2	Mode of Submission	e-tendering https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
3	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 12,33,72,687.62/- (Rupees Twelve Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven and Sixty two Paisa) Only
4	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) Only
5	Bid Security (Rs.)	Rs. 12,33,727/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty Three Thousands Seven Hundred Twenty Seven) Only
6	Time of Completion	213 Days
7	Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website	21.08.2023 by 3:00 PM
8	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	31.08.2023 by 4:00 PM at Office of Nagar Parishad Ramgarh, Near District Sadar Hospital, Chatarmandu, Ramgarh Jharkhand 825101
9	Last Date/Time for receipts of Bids Online	05.09.2023 by 3:00 PM
10	Date of Receiving Hard Copy of Earnest Money & Cost of Tender Fee	Up to 06.09.2023 by 3:00 PM at Office of Nagar Parishad Ramgarh, Near District Sadar Hospital, Chhatarmandu, Ramgarh Jharkhand 825101
11	Tender Opening Date	08.09.2023 From 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
12	Name & Address of Officer Inviting Tender	Executive Officer, Ramgarh Nagar Parishad, Jharkhand
13	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	6393812374
14	Helpline number of E - Procurement Cell	9110072039

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Bengaluru	31	21

Bengaluru Today
31°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Thunderstorm is likely.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant.Chances of light rain and thundershower.

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No decision on reopening Soujanya case, says Home Minister

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Friday said the government had not taken any decision on re-opening the Soujanya murder case.

Replying to a question at a press conference in Dharwad, he said reinvestigation of the case was being discussed on social media platforms; however as per law, the case was closed.

On the police sub-inspector recruitment scam, he said that the case was before the High Court as some candidates had approached it opposing re-examination.

"The High Court had sought the opinion of the government and the latter had conveyed its decision of conducting re-examination for recruitment of 545 PSIs.

The government will wait for the court order and take a final decision," he said.

To another query, he said that the government had given assent for recruiting 3,500 civil police constables for the entire State in addition to recruiting 2,500 constables for Bengaluru. The process would be initiated soon, he said.

On the demand for setting up new police stations in the twin cities, he said that any proposal on this would have to meet certain criteria, including crime rate and if the government received any proposal from officials it would be considered.

Speaking to presspersons after holding a review meeting in Hubballi later, he said that the government had laid emphasis to maintain law and order and to tackle drug menace.

Farm labourer dies in elephant attack in Sakleshpur

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A woman died following an elephant attack at Vadur village in Sakleshpur taluk of Hassan on Friday morning. Kavitha, 37, an agricultural labourer, was found seriously injured near her house. She succumbed a couple of hours later at the government hospital in Hassan.

According to locals, Kavitha had gone out of her house to answer nature's call when she came under attack. Kavitha, who lost her husband due to health reasons a few months ago, is survived by two sons, working in bakeries in Hyderabad. Following her husband's death, she had returned to her mother's place and was earning her living by working in coffee estates.

More than 90 people have died in elephant attacks in Hassan district in the last 20 years. The Forest Department officials met the family members.

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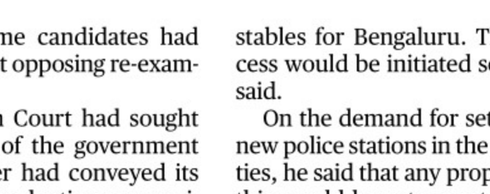

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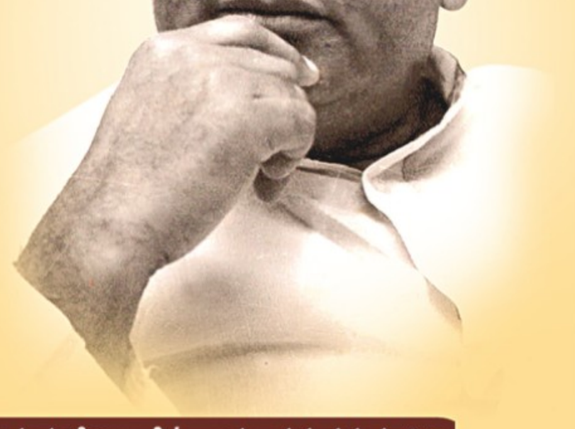

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'One Nation, One Registration'

Will it succeed?

Any initiative by the Central government, which has a direct bearing on State revenues, will have to be carefully examined and suitably amended before its implementation, says **G. Shyam Sunder**

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'One Nation, One Registration'.

While presenting Budget 2022, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced plans to roll out this initiative, saying the Budget was based on a vision of the next 25 years. Apart from focusing on overall infrastructural development, the Budget aimed to bring transparency in the real estate sector as well as provide affordable housing for everyone.

However, the feasibility of the initiative is very low and it would take many years for India to achieve this. The main reason being non-computerisation of records in the registration and stamps department in certain States across India besides innumerable practical difficulties.

Presently only 11 of the 28 States in India issue the computerised Encumbrance Certificate (EC) by the respective Stamps and Registration Departments. The EC is an important document as it charts out the history of transactions that have taken place in a particular piece of property and highlights the document number of the title deed through which the present owner has come into the possession of the property (barring ancestral properties). Tamil Nadu has been issuing computerised EC for 48 years now for the period since 1975. Andhra Pradesh has been doing this from 1980, Kerala from 1987, and Karnataka from 2004. Odisha and Gujarat have been adopting the practice from 1990 and 1994 respectively.

Bihar started it in 2006, Assam for the last 30 years, while Uttar Pradesh and Utharakhand have been issuing it for the period for past 12 years. Puducherry has been issuing computerised EC from 1969. Puducherry issues the EC for the period from 1969. Apart from these States, property records in Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and West Bengal can be verified online. But, in the remaining States of India, EC is still issued manually and property records cannot be verified online.

The benefit

That said, the purpose of 'One Nation, One Registration' is to first ensure that documents for registration of property can be done in any State in India. Presently only in Andhra Pradesh (from 2015 onwards) and Kerala (from 2021 onwards), documents can be presented for registration in any sub-registrar office anywhere across the State. Homebuyers and investors would benefit if other States followed suit.

Despite the advantages of a common registration process and document system as proposed under the 'One Nation, One Registration' plan, there are some serious challenges to its implementation. "Talking of land, it is an exclusive entity of each State as it is a State-list subject. So, there could be revenue shortfalls to individual States when uniform stamp duties are levied. Also, suitable amendments to many relevant laws should be made prior to the implementation of such a scheme," says Madan B. Lund, vice-president, Credai, Tamil Nadu.

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Similarly a few other practical difficulties need to be highlighted. Let us assume a person residing in Chennai wants to sell a property in Mumbai that was purchased 35 years ago. Even if the EC details are available online, how will the official at the sub-registrar office in Tamil Nadu read the documents made available in Marathi? Also, how will the Tamil Nadu Registration Department benefit, by way of stamp duty and registration fee, from registering a property in Mumbai?

V. Seshadri, a lawyer specialising in real estate in Chennai, says it would be a daunting task to implement 'One Nation, One Registration' given the fact that stamp duty and registration fee significantly varies from one State to the other. The revenue generated by each State from this department is used for its own welfare schemes and none of the States would be willing to jeopardise their revenue if uniform duties are levied across the States. If the Central Government promises to compensate the States for the loss of revenue, probably then this could be considered.

However, an immediate alternative that would work is the 'One Nation, One Land Record' plan, technically called the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP). Land records can now be verified online in 24 of the 28 States in India. Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim are only four of the States where land records have not been made accessible online. Karnataka was the first State in India to computerise rural land records followed by Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The integration of land records from various States under one portal, similar to Vahan portal for vehicles, will be a valuable accomplishment.

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Kagodu Thimmappa chosen for Devaraj Urs award

The former Minister and socialist leader Kagodu Thimmappa has been chosen for the Devaraj Urs award, which will be presented in Bengaluru on Sunday on the occasion of the former Chief Minister's birth anniversary.

Mr. Thimmappa, 90, told press persons on Thursday that the award brought him a sense of satisfaction as he was in the last leg of his life. He also recalled the days he fought for the rights of tenant farmers and how he presented their case in the Legislative Assembly. The farmers' long struggle resulted in the Land Reforms Act, passed when Urs was the Chief Minister.

'Amend universities Act'

Senior Congress leader and former Higher Education Minister B.K. Chandrashekar has demanded that the State government bring an amendment to the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000, and set up a standing committee for the selection of Vice-Chancellors (VCs) instead of a search committee.

He also advised the government to cut off the powers of the Chancellor in the appointment of VCs through the amendment.

During an interaction with the media in Bengaluru on Thursday, he said, "The standing committee should include directors of premier institutions such as the IIM, the IISc, and the NLSIU." The standing committee should finalise a single name for the post of the VC and the same person should be appointed by the government."

Committee set up to probe 40% bribery allegation

Headed by retired judge Nagamohan Das, the panel has been asked to submit report in 30 days

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The State government has set up a committee headed by retired High Court judge H.N. Nagamohan Das to probe the "40% commission" allegation levelled by the Karnataka State Contractors' Association during the previous BJP regime. The committee has been asked to submit the report in 30 days.

This order comes at a time when the State government led by the Congress and contractors have been engaged in a face-off over clearance of pending bills in various departments. In some departments, bills are pending from the last three years.

Ahead of the Assembly polls, the Congress had launched 'PayCM' campaign over the 40% commission charge against the previous BJP government by the State contractors' association. FILE PHOTO

Letter to PM

President of the association D. Kempanna had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021 and then Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai about how the contactors were forced to pay 25 to 30% bribery (commission) to elected representatives and officials before the commencement of work and another 5 to 6% for the release of no-objection certificate. The complaint had also alleged that the bribery package of the the BJP government was favouring contractors who hailed from other States.

The probe order issued by the Public Works Department on Thursday said, "Although these allegations were serious in nature, no probe was conducted at the government level and the new government intends to implement transparency in governance."

The order also sated that the committee is set up based on Mr. Kempanna's complaint to investigate the package system, tender process, revised estimates, and other practices in the departments where a large number of projects were taken up. The government has directed Mr. Nagamohan Das to seek assistance of technical advisers, financial advisers, and others.

What probe will cover

The order has directed to probe the nature of administrative approvals, quality assessment of completed works, cost estimation, variation in project cost during implementation, generation of fake bills, and others.

A few weeks ago, the Urban Development Department had formed four special investigation teams to probe projects approved and executed in the last three years in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Four Ministers write to Kharge opposing Sudham Das's name

COUNCIL NOMINATION

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Even though the State government has recommended the name of the former Enforcement Directorate officer H.P. Sudham Das for the Legislative Council seat under the nomination category, four senior Dalit Ministers have strongly objected to his nomination to the Upper House.

H.P. Sudham Das

'Contribution nil'

Home Minister G. Parameshwara, Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa, Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa, and Minister for Excise R.B. Thimmapur have written to Congress president M. Mallikarjun Kharge and said, "Mr. Das's contribution to the Congress is nil" and "requested to consider personalities who have relentlessly worked for decades in the party and loyal soldiers of the party".

"Mr. Das (SC-left) resigned from the post of Information Commissioner in March 2023 and joined the Congress. He is hardly a few months old in the party and his contribution for building the party or for electioneering in the recent Assembly election is almost nill," the four Ministers said in the letter.

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> FOUR SENIOR DALIT MINISTERS IN THEIR LETTER TO CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Joined ahead of polls

Mr. Das joined the Congress ahead of the Assembly elections and leaders within the party had apparently opposed giving him the ticket to contest from the Nelamangala seat. Mr. Das's father, H. Puttadasa, was a two-time MLA (1967 and 1972) from the erstwhile Sathanur Assembly constituency which was merged with Kanakapura after delimitation. Sources said Mr. Das, a former IRS officer, was a consultant for a few Congress leaders with regard to I-T/ED-related matters.

DKS's promise

Sources said Mr. Shivakumar brought Mr. Das to the party with a promise of making him an MLC and he had been advocating for the same with the high command.

The four Ministers appealed to Mr. Kharge to consider the names of "good leaders" and said, "We would like to propose deserving names and request you to give us an opportunity and oblige." Several youth leaders opposed the recommendation of Mr. Das' name to the Governor, sources said. The other names recommended are of former Ministers M.R. Seetharam and Umashree.

BJP holds meeting of Bengaluru MLAs

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This comes amid speculation that some of them may switch over to the Congress; S.T. Somashekar, Byrati Basavaraj skip the meeting

Close on the heels of the speculation on several BJP MLAs from Bengaluru getting ready to switch loyalties to the ruling Congress started gaining momentum, the BJP took to preventive measures by holding a meeting of its city MLAs under the leadership of party veteran and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Friday.

Though former Ministers S.T. Somashekar and Byrati Basavaraj did not attend the meeting, BJP leader R. Ashok said they were in touch with the party leaders and had taken permission to skip the meeting due to other pre-occupations.

Former Ministers Munirathna and K. Gopalaiah, who too were on the list of MLAs being speculated to join the Congress, clarified that they would continue to stay in the BJP.

BJP leader and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai termed the reports on some BJP MLAs getting ready to join the Congress as a conspiracy by the ruling party to divert public attention from its own MLAs rebelling against their leadership. At the same time, he said BJP leaders were in touch with the MLAs who were being speculated to join the Congress.

He said he had brought some of the local problems that existed in the constituencies of these MLAs to the notice of the party State president.

He accused the Congress government of indulging in a dictatorial attitude by trying to launch an offensive against those questioning its decisions. He alleged that the government was targeting even the contractors who had approached the Governor and the Opposition seeking clearance of their pending bills.

No new BPL and APL cards till pending applications are disposed of: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa on Friday said his department would neither issue new ration cards nor receive new applications till the disposal of three lakh pending applications.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru after reviewing the progress of the department's works, the Minister also said new cards could not be issued till the issue of providing an additional 5 kg rice per person under the Anna Bhagya scheme was resolved.

K.H. Muniyappa

He made it clear that the government was committed to providing a total of 10 kg foodgrains per person under the Anna Bhagya scheme. Officials concerned had been instructed to take up storage of ragi and jowar for distribution along with rice, he said. However, before taking up the distribution of millets, the officials had been told to collect information on how many families may need them, he said.

2,181 posts to be filled

Pointing out that the Food and Civil Supplies Department had more than 3,500 vacancies, the Minister said he had directed the Secretary and the Commissioner of the department to initiate measures to fill 2,181 posts among them.

It had been decided to set up separate offices of the Food Department in all the taluk centres and to recruit assistant directors and other staff as part of efforts to strengthen the department, the Minister said.

Food Department authorities had been instructed to recruit data entry operators in addition to ensuring transparency in the procurement of crops under the MSP and maintaining quality in the distribution of foodgrains under the public distribution system, Mr. Muniyappa said.

The Minister said ₹170 per person would be transferred to the bank accounts of the Anna Bhagya beneficiaries as an alternative to additional 5 kg rice, on August 25 and 26.

Symposium on 'Our Karnataka, our model'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Jagruta Karnataka, a think tank of progressive groups, will organise a symposium on 'Our Karnataka, our model' (Namma Karnataka, Namma Madari) at the Scouts and Guides State headquarters hall on Palace Road in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Sessions

The symposium will include sessions on 'From Karnataka model to Karnataka's identity', 'Devaraj Urs and our Karnataka model', 'Global search for a new model', and 'Women representation and empowerment'.

The event will be virtually inaugurated by senior political expert James Manor. More details can be had from Rajshekar Akki on Ph.: 8951811745.

HC dismisses Chinese national's plea for extension of visa

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BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has dismissed a petition filed by a 40-year-old woman, a Chinese national and an accused in an app-based multi-crore fraud case, who had sought direction to the immigration authorities to extend her visa and that of her minor daughter.

Hu Xiaolin, the petitioner, had claimed that she was falsely implicated in the criminal case and sought extension of visa on the grounds that her presence in India was necessary both for investigation and for trial, if a chargesheet was filed against her.

Her husband, Anas Ahmed, is a prime accused in the case.

Apart from seeking extension of visa, she had also sought direction to the Union government to permit her and her minor child to visit China to see her aged and ailing father.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit, while pointing out that in a similar case involving another Chinese national the court had declined such a plea, rejected her petition, stating that there was absolutely no circumstance that differentiates the case of the petitioner from the earlier case.

Treatment of Indians

"The advocate for the petitioner was not in a position to answer the question of the court as to how similarly placed Indian nationals are treated in the Republic of China," the court pointed out.

The court also observed that "it is a matter of common knowledge the world over that India treats the foreign nationals coming to its territory with due deference. History is replete with such instances, which hardly need to be mentioned."

Criminal case

The petitioner, along with her husband, and several others, are accused in the criminal case registered by the cybercrime police based on a complaint filed by Razorpay, a payment gateway.

The company, in its complaint filed in 2021, had alleged that several accused persons had used its payment gateway service and defrauded several customers by collecting deposits through an app called, 'Power Bank' and others.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

B.GANESAN (70), Retired Senior Engineer (Composing), The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 18-08-2023. Address: 11, Thiruveethi Amman Kovil Street, Mylapore, Chennai-600004. Contact: 9940675275

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Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped residentially converted **Property bearing Sy.No.252/2 measuring an extent of 1 Acre 25 Guntas, situated at LAKKUR Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District** (converted vide Order bearing No.ALN:SR(K)362/2006-07 dated 16/01/2007), bounded by:
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ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ **ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836:2213834ನ್ನು** ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21-08-2023** ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. 01, 02, 07 ರಿಂದ 15 ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. 25, 31 ರಿಂದ 57 ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30-08-2023 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ,** ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. 01, 02, 07 ರಿಂದ 15 ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. 25, 31 ರಿಂದ 57 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 31-08-2023 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

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Chandrayaan-3 lander undergoes deboosting

The lander is slowed down to move it to lower orbit; ISRO plans to carry out second such operation on August 20; the lander will have the capability to soft land at a specified lunar site and deploy the rover; the lander and the rover have a mission life of one lunar day, which is 14 earth days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after the lander module of India's third moon mission Chandrayaan-3 got separated from the propulsion module, it successfully underwent a deboosting operation on Friday.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said that the lander module successfully underwent a deboosting operation that reduced its orbit to 113 km x 157 km.

The space agency plans to carry out the second deboosting operation on August 20.

"The second deboosting operation is scheduled for August 20, 2023, around 0200 hrs. IST," it said after the first deboosting operation. The lander is expected to touch down on the moon surface on August 23, 2023 at 5.47 p.m.

On August 17, the propulsion module and the lander module successfully separated and embarked on their respective journeys.

The lander will have the capability to soft land at a specified lunar site and deploy the rover, which will carry out in-situ chemical analysis of the lunar surface during the course of its mobility.

The lander and the rover have scientific payloads to carry out experiments on the lunar surface.

Inching closer: The lander module successfully underwent a deboosting operation that reduced its orbit. ISRO

The main function of the propulsion module is to carry the lander module from launch vehicle injection till final lunar 100 km circular polar orbit and separate the lander module from the propulsion module.

The propulsion module also has one scientific payload as a value addition which will be operated post-separation of the lander module. The payload will be operational for a period of three to six months. The lander and the rover have a mission life of one lunar day (14 earth days).

Two more videos

Meanwhile, ISRO on Friday released two videos of the moon, which were captured by Chandrayaan-3.

The first video shows the moon captured by the Lander Position Detection Camera (LPDC) on August 15, and in the second one the Lander Imager (LI) Camera-1 has taken a video of the moon just after the separation of the lander module from the propulsion module on August 17.

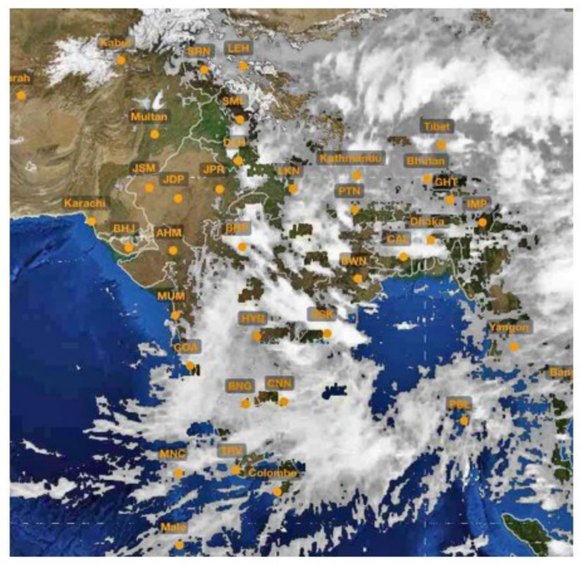
"Thanks for the ride, mate!' said the lander module. Lander module is successfully separated from the propulsion module. Lander is set to descend to a slightly lower orbit upon a deboosting planned for tomorrow around 1600 Hrs., IST." the space agency posted on social media platform X after the successful separation.

This is the third video released by the ISRO after the launch of the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

On August 6 it shared its first video of the moon as viewed by Chandrayaan-3 during Lunar Orbit Insertion on August 5.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chattisgarh and Telangana.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.1	26.6	Kozhikode	0.1	31.6	25.8
Ahmedabad	—	33.5	25.5	Kurnool	—	32.4	25.8
Aizawl	30.0	—	—	Lucknow	7.0	34.8	26.6
Allahabad	—	35.0	26.6	Madurai	—	37.6	25.5
Bengaluru	—	29.5	21.2	Mangaluru	0.1	30.0	23.9
Bhopal	3.0	25.8	23.4	Mumbai	2.0	31.4	26.5
Bhubaneswar	64.0	29.1	24.6	Mysuru	—	32.0	23.2
Chandigarh	—	36.0	28.4	New Delhi	—	36.3	27.0
Chennai	27.0	35.4	24.0	Patna	—	35.2	28.6
Coimbatore	—	33.0	23.7	Port Blair	3.0	31.1	26.4
Dehradun	98.8	34.2	23.2	Puducherry	—	38.0	28.0
Gangtok	69.0	22.5	18.5	Pune	1.5	29.7	22.9
Goa	10.0	30.8	23.5	Raipur	108.2	32.5	23.5
Guwahati	—	35.6	25.6	Ranchi	35.0	30.6	23.2
Hubballi	—	29.0	23.0	Shillong	2.0	27.0	18.9
Hyderabad	—	28.8	24.9	Shimla	—	23.1	17.0
Imphal	—	35.6	25.6	Srinagar	—	32.0	17.3
Jaipur	—	35.8	25.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.4	25.4
Kochi	1.0	30.8	26.4	Tiruchi	—	37.1	27.0
Kohima	—	29.0	18.6	Vijayawada	21.0	30.8	25.8
Kolkata	9.0	31.8	26.2	Visakhapatnam	5.0	30.8	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	7	53	.40	67	205	
Bengaluru	6	24	.77	66	94	
Chennai	4	46	135	52	46	
Delhi	18	—	.73	13	323	
Hyderabad	8	1	.38	97	109	
Kolkata	4	17	.18	32	54	
Lucknow	16	9	.11	68	49	
Mumbai	4	—	.99	—	27	
Pune	133	225	110	63	56	
Visakhapatnam	12	32	.69	62	86	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Anand Vihar, Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 323 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Jadavpur, Kolkata recorded a healthy AQI score of 54.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Tamil Nadu CM Stalin calls for retrieving Katchatheevu

L. Srikrishna
RAMANATHAPURAM

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Friday that retrieving the Katchatheevu islet from Sri Lanka alone would put a permanent end to the problems of fishermen in Tamil Nadu.

Speaking at a conference of fishermen at Mandapam in Ramanathapuram district, he also announced an enhancement in the financial assistance given to fishermen during the fishing ban period from ₹5,000 to ₹8,000. Noting that this was one of the Assembly election promises of the DMK, he said, "I have kept my word today." The government would spend ₹926.88 crore for the benefit of 2.77 lakh fisherfolk.

He said *pattas* would be issued to over 5,000 fishermen. Subsidies on kerosene and subsidies to country-boat fishermen would be among the welfare measures to be implemented.

Mr. Stalin said it had become routine for the Sri Lankan Navy to attack and arrest Tamil Nadu fishermen fishing in the Palk Bay on the charge of poaching.

Excise duty hike: Liquor sales drop in 1st fortnight of August

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Liquor sales in Karnataka have dropped after the State government hiked additional excise duty (AED) on both Indian-made liquor (IML) and beer.

In his Budget on July 7, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah hiked the AED on IML by 20% on all slabs and increased the AED on beer from 175% to 185%.

Sharp dip

According to a statement from the Federation of Wine Merchants' Association, Karnataka, sales and revenue have seen a sharp dip in the first fortnight in August. "In July this year, the department recorded a 19.27% increase in the sales of IML when compared with that in the corresponding period in 2022. While 54.89 lakh boxes were sold in July 2022, 65.46 lakh boxes were sold in July 2023.

Beer sales

Similarly, sales of beer saw a 26.83% rise in July 2023 when compared with the sales in the corresponding period in 2022.

Although the new prices came into effect from July 20, retailers would have sold their stocks at the old prices till the month-end," said B. Govindraj Hegde, general secretary of the association.

But over the first 15 days of August, only 21.87 lakh boxes of IML were sold. This is a 14.25% dip when compared with the sales recorded in August 2022 in the same period, he said. However, beer sales have seen a rise by 21.07% when compared with that in the first fortnight of August in 2022.

Fake brands

Claiming that the hike in the AED has also resulted in rampant sales of fake brands of liquor, Mr. Hegde alleged that it could not happen without the support of officials.

"Fake brands of liquor from Telangana, Maharashtra, and Goa labels have entered the market in some districts. Besides, fake brands with labels of 'military canteen' and 'duty free' are also being sold," he alleged.

"Overall, retailers have recorded a 10 to 15% slump in revenue following the hike. Consumers have also switched over from higher value brands to lower ones," he added.

Workers to get ₹1K each during Onam

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government on Friday announced a festival allowance of ₹1,000 for workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the Ayyankali Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme (AUEGS) for Onam.

100 days of work

Scheme members who have completed 100 days of work will be eligible for the allowance, Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal said on Friday. The decision, Mr. Balagopal said, will benefit 4.6 lakh people. The State government has earmarked ₹46 crore for providing the allowance, he said.

Talking to reporters here on Friday, Mr. Balagopal pegged the requirement for meeting the Onam month expenses at ₹19,000 crore. Earlier, the government announced a bonus of ₹4,000 for government employees, and a festival allowance of ₹2,750 for employees who are not entitled to a bonus.

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2.	**Unit Head, Sriganganagar**	
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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building,Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001

No. : KIADB/LAQ/METRO/R-6/2023-24 Date: 17.08.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSRTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 96 SPQ (E)2023 Bangalore dated:05-08-2023 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated 05.08.2023

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned , Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed on **12.09.2023 at 11.30 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

Enquiry Date: 12-09-2023 **Time: 11.30 a.m**

Village: Kalena Agrahara Hobli: Beguru-3 Taluk: Bengaluru South Dist: Bengaluru

SL No	Property Owner	I.D. No.	B.B.M.P. Property No.	L.A/CT Sy. No.	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
1	G.N. Chandrashekar Gowda Pavithra W/o Late G.N.Shrinivas & Varuna Gowda S/o Late G.N.Shrinivas	R6-EL-3	20/1 20/2	810/15/4 15/5, 15/6	11.54 1.52
2.	Manthri Residency Building	R6-EL-28	9	619/9	5.00
	Village: Hulimavu Hobli: Beguru-3 Taluk: Bengaluru South Dist: Bengaluru				
3.	Society of the servant of the holi spirit	R6-EL-4B	8/1	34/636 8/1	29.00
	Village: Arkere Hobli: Beguru-3 Taluk: Bengaluru South Dist: Bengaluru				
4.	Natya Varshi	R6-EL-47	-	629/296/ 290/30/ 707	9.00
	Village: Bilekahalli Hobli: Beguru-3 Taluk: Bengaluru South Dist: Bengaluru				
5.	Anuradha Annamalai and others	R6-EL-121B	174	1757/6053/ 1653/1363/17/ 174/1	12.80
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7.	Marata Limited	R6-EL-123B	174	440/336	11.18
8.	Prema W/o C.Karunakar	R6-EL-140B1	9/1	524/351	6.00
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9.	Shahid Khan	R6-EL-205 & 205A	47/4	62-163-1	12.00

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, (Metro Rail Project), Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase below mentioned Flat/Schedule Property from its absolute owner **Sri. Krishna H. Fattepur, S/o Hanumanth Rao Fattepur,** Aged about 61 years, R/a. No.2711, 6th Main, Near 108 Ganesha Temple, Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 078. such of those person/s who are having any right, title, interest and/or any claim in and over the said property may lodge their claims if any with under signed along with relevant documents **within 7 days** from the date of this publication. failing which, my client shall proceed to purchase as if no claims' forth coming and it is deemed free from all encumbrances'. No claims are entertained beyond time prescribed.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
[Description of entire property]

All that Piece and parcel of Residential site bearing **No.6 (six),** of Katha No.388, in the layout formed in Old Sy No.61, Re-Sy No.61/2, which was duly converted for non-agricultural purpose as per the order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide official memorandum No.B.Dis/ALN/SR(S)265/1997-98, dated 04.07.1998, situated at **Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Presently within the limit of BBMP, Bangalore, having Katha Property No.408/6, Bangalore, measuring East to West:58-0 Feet and North to South:[187+195]/2 feet, totally measuring 11078 Sft,

And bounded on :
East by : Site No.5,
West by : Property belong to Jayanagar Co-op. Society,
North by : Road,
South by : Property belong to Jagadish

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
[DESCRIPTION OF THE APARTMENT CONSTRUCTED BY THE PRUCHASER]

245 Square feet of undivided share, right , title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule-A Property mentioned above together with Apartment bearing 2 BHK Flat bearing **No.003,** in the Ground floor measuring 1000 Square feet super Built up area [including common areas] with one covered car parking Slot No.003, in a multistoried residential complex known as **"NANDA CREST"** constructed a In schedule 'A' Property And bounded on :
East by : Site No.5,
West by : Foyer and Flat No.007,
North by : Lobby,
South by : Flat No.004

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vinod D J alias D J Vinod alias Vinod David James S/o James D, residing at 1-3-1401/3/2, Ashapur Road, Near Rajamatha Temple, Doctors Colony, Raichur, Karnataka - 584101, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vinod M.

I, Shiddalingayya Veerayya Kabbinakantimath alias Siddlingayya Kabbinakantimath S/o Veerayya, residing at Old Post Office Road, Haveri Town And Talluku, Haveri, Karnataka - 581110, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aarush Kichcha.

I, Shridhara Byadara Somanahalli Rudregowda alias Shridhara B R alias Shridhar B R S/o Rudregowda Siddegowda, residing at No.12, Byadara Somanahalli, Mandalamane Post, Belur Taluk, Hassan, Karnataka - 573115, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shridhara Rudregowda.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHAMMA D/o FAIROZ KHAN W/o VIKASH A, R/o #764, 6th Cross, Rambai Nagar, Mysore, Karnataka–570008 Have changed my Religion from ISLAM RELIGION to HINDUISM wef .06/06/2023 also changed my name to SHYAMALA.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the court of II Addl. Junior Civil Judge, Kadapa
OSNo. 176/2022
Karnataka Bank rep. by its Senior branch Manager, Kadapa ..... Plaintiff
(vs)
Sri Putta sivaiah & others
..... Defendants

Notice to defendants No. 1to3

D1) Sri Putta Sivaiah, S/o. P. Chinna Veeraiah, aged 57 years, agriculturist,
D2) Smt. Putta Lakshmi, W/o. P. Sivaiah, aged 51 years, housewife
D3) Sri Putta Raja Sekhar, S/o. P. Sivaiah, aged 29 years
All are residing at D.No. 7/138, Jayanagar Colony, NGO Colony, Kadapa District.

The above case is posted to 06/09/2023 for your appearance before the above court. You can either personally appear or through an advocate before the above court on 06/09/2023 at 10.30 A.M. Otherwise the case will be heard in your absence.

By order of the court
Sd/-
A. Raja Sekhar
Advocate for Plaintiff

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, FATHIMA Ibrahim D/o Ibrahim Khaleel, r/at Lalitha Raj Nilaya, Behind Vakkaligara Kalyana Mantapa, Vijayapura Extension, Chikmagalur, Karnataka -577101, have changed my name to Danya Devaraj do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that i have embraced the Hinduism religion and rednounced the Islam religion with effect from 16.08.2023 for all purposes in future.

I, SRINIVAS Kallikot Venugopal Setty, S/o Venugopal Setty Kallikot Adhinarayan Setty, R/at No.4062, Sai Krupa Enclave Flat No.303, 3rd Floor, 35th Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070, have changed my name from Srinivas Kallikot Venugopal Setty to Srinivasa Kallikot Venugopal Setty, vide affidavit dated 11-08-2023 before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE) In the Court of SH. Manjeet Singh Sheoran, P.O. MACT Ghaziabad (UP)
MACT NO:- 41/2022
Manish Kumar V/S Abdul Majed and Others

To,
1. **Abdul Majed** S/O Kalimuddin R/O H.No. H-249, near Mustafa masjid, Jaitpur Extn. Part II, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044. **...Respondent - 1**
2. **Jaiprakash Pandit** S/O R. C. Pandit R/O H.No. A-134/5, Gali no 5, Jaitpur Extn. Part II Badarpur, New Delhi-110044. **...Respondent - 2**
3. **Mohd. Haris Khan** S/O Haseen Khan R/O H. No. E-477/16, Umar masjid, Jaitpur Extn. Part II, Badarpur, Jaitpur New Delhi-110044.. **...Respondent - 3**
4. **ANI Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** Through Manager, Regent Insignia, # 414, 3rd Floor 4th Block, 17th Main, 100 Feet Road, Koramangala, Bangalore 560034 **...Respondent - 4**

The Defendant above named

Whereas claim petitions under section 166 & 140 of Motor Vehicle Act 1988 is filed for compensation of Rs.13,70,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Seventy Thousand only) in this case, by the petitioner Manish Kumar on Account of injuries sustained to him on road accident dated 26.1.2020.

The Defendant above named

Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the Dt. 20.9.2023, the fixed for the disposal of application it will be heard and determind ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this **17th day of August 2023.**

Seal **(Manjeet Singh Sheoran)**
P. O - MACT District Court
Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad (U.P)

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BIBI Fatima, W/O Abdul Saleem, R/O No 3–1–100 Bukhari Mohalla, Yadgir City, Yadgir– 585201. Have Changed My Name As Fathimabi Vide Afdvt Dtd 14/08/2023

I, AMIT MAHENDRABHAI DOSHI, R/at Flat 010, RM Nagar, Bang –16 have changed my daughters name from MAITRI to MAITRI AMIT DOSHI for all her future purposes by affidavit dated on 18–08–2023 before Notary UDAYKUMAR.K.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, SERVICE No.16114646N, L/HAV. Battu Ramesh, of Unit: 724, C/O 56 APO, Pin: 900455 have changed my Son, Bhattu Sivashankar Date of Birth from 28.03.2003 to 28.03.2005 vide affidavit dated 25.07.2023 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE) In the Court of SH. Manjeet Singh Sheoran, P.O. MACT Ghaziabad (UP)
MACT NO:- 40/2022
Aarti Devi and Others V/S Abdul Majed and Others

To,
1. **Abdul Majed** S/O Kalimuddin R/O H.No. H-249, near Mustafa masjid, Jaitpur Extn. Part II, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044. **...Respondent - 1**
2. **Jaiprakash Pandit** S/O R. C. Pandit R/O H.No. A-134/5, Gali no 5, Jaitpur Extn. Part II Badarpur, New Delhi-110044. **...Respondent - 2**
3. **Mohd. Haris Khan** S/O Haseen Khan R/O H. No. E-477/16, Umar masjid, Jaitpur Extn. Part II, Badarpur, Jaitpur New Delhi-110044.. **...Respondent - 3**
4. **ANI Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** Through Manager, Regent Insignia, # 414, 3rd Floor 4th Block, 17th Main, 100 Feet Road, Koramangala, Bangalore 560034 **...Respondent - 4**

The Defendant above named

Whereas claim petitions under section 166 & 140 of Motor Vehicle Act 1988 is filed for compensation of Rs.32,20,000/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lacs Twenty Thousand only) in this case, by the petitioners Aarti Devi & others on Account of Death of Rohit Sharma on road accident dated 26.01.2020.

The Defendant above named

Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the Dt. 20.9.2023, the fixed for the disposal of application it will be heard and determind ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this **17th day of August 2023.**

Seal **(Manjeet Singh Sheoran)**
P. O - MACT District Court
Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad (U.P)

In the name of god

Violence in the name of blasphemy exposes sectarian fault lines of Pakistan

The attack by protesters on churches and houses of the Christian minority in Faisalabad on Wednesday over allegations of blasphemy is yet another example of how dangerously sectarian Pakistan is. Triggered by reports that a Christian man from Jaranwala had desecrated the *Koran*, the incident took place just weeks after a man was shot dead by gunmen on an allegation of blasphemy in Balochistan. In February, a man was lynched over allegations that he had desecrated the *Koran* in Punjab. The authorities have largely remained spectators when mobs have taken it upon themselves to punish the "blasphemers". In the Jaranwala incident too, according to reports, the authorities were slow to respond, raising questions on whether the state is willing to protect Pakistan's religious minorities from repeated mob violence, especially when it comes to attacks in the name of blasphemy. In Pakistan, blasphemy is punishable by death, though nobody has been executed to date. But it has remained a deeply polarising issue with extremist sections raising allegations and often violently targeting those accused of the crime.

According to the Islamabad-based Centre for Research and Security Studies, at least 89 Pakistanis, including 18 women, have been killed in 1,415 accusations or cases of blasphemy since 1947. There has been a major jump in blasphemy accusations over the past decade. Civil society groups, international rights organisations as well as Pakistan's judiciary have in recent years expressed their concerns over the misuse of the blasphemy laws. The Islamabad High Court had once suggested that Parliament amend the laws to give stronger punishment to those who raise false blasphemy allegations. But the rising violence and growing criticism have done nothing to push Pakistan's leaders to address the menace. On the contrary, the Senate passed a Bill in August to increase punishment for those using derogatory remarks about the Prophet's family members, close companions and the first four Caliphs, further tightening the blasphemy laws. It is this pampering of extremist sections of society by the state and the impunity with which Islamists and other parties have misused the laws that are empowering extremists who are unleashing violence against the defenceless in the name of blasphemy. This law with its colonial origins should not have any place in a modern state. But in Pakistan, where religion has been used by all stakeholders to maximise their interests, there is no commitment to tackle the real problem. The authorities should at least take urgent measures to stop the violence in the name of blasphemy. Such incidents only reinforce the sectarian fault lines of Pakistan's state and society.

Material consideration

The search for a room-temperature superconductor is far from over

The scientific community is now confident that the material known as LK-99 is not a room-temperature and ambient-pressure superconductor, bringing to a swift close an exciting episode launched by a group of South Korean researchers. There has been no formal conclusion to match the formal announcement that this material could transport an electric current with no resistance in ambient conditions. But the South Koreans and the independent scientists who worked to verify the claim published their findings as preprint papers that were free to read. LK-99's seemingly simple composition and availability of instructions to synthesise it prompted scientists outside academia to test the material as well. The pace of developments was exhilarating, but there was soon hype and misinformation. While some reports indicated that the South Korean group had submitted manuscripts explaining their claim to a journal, concerns that the preprint papers were not worth reacting to until the journal had responded missed the point: efforts to validate the claim constituted a better, more organic peer-review process together with attempts by scientists across the world (including India) to replicate the claim in their laboratories. It soon became clear that there were two reasons why the material was no superconductor. First, as conventional superconductors inside a weak magnetic field are cooled to induce a superconducting state, they expel the field from their bulk at and under the transition temperature. So, a magnet near the superconductor will be pushed away during the transition. The South Korean group had shared a video in which LK-99 appeared to half-repel a magnet. But independent researchers found that the material was an insulator whose impurities could be magnetised, leading to the half-repulsion seen in the video. Second, the South Koreans reported that the electrical resistivity of LK-99 dropped sharply at around 104° Celsius, a potential sign of superconductivity. But scientists observed the drop if the material contained copper sulphide as an impurity; copper sulphide undergoes a phase transition at that temperature, distorting the resistivity.

Now, the burden of proof is back on the South Korean group. The online diffusion of information and data in this episode achieved something the world seldom has: near-real-time and crowd-organised documentation, collaboration rather than competition, and closure. Participating in open science can lead to more good science but also, in the presence of bad-faith actors, to misunderstanding and confusion. The LK-99 episode suggests that the compunctions with the latter should not hold back the former.

The issue is not about India's GDP, but its JDP

Praveen Chakravarty

is a senior office-bearer of the Congress party

Participating in the debate on the motion of no-confidence in Parliament last week, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman waxed eloquent about India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growing in double digits, the Indian economy being the world's fastest, and also highlighted glowing reports by foreign institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Morgan Stanley. Former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram countered Ms. Sitharaman by pointing out that annual GDP growth under the United Progressive Alliance was higher. Economist-politician Subramanian Swamy too has weighed in about India's abysmal economic performance by giving suggestions, largely outlandish, to improve GDP growth. The whole debate among India's leading economic policymakers has revolved around whose GDP growth was higher (i.e. the National Democratic Alliance or the UPA), or what must be done to achieve higher growth. But no one has really asked the question, whose GDP growth is it in the first place?

The issue is job potential

If India's economy is growing so rapidly, then why is the demand for minimum wage work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme also growing so fast? After all, only those who have absolutely no alternative sources of income will ask to toil in the sun the whole day for bare minimum wages. Ever since the Narendra Modi government took office, India's real GDP has grown 5.3% (annualised), but demand for MGNREGA work also grew at 5.4% every year. That is, when India was apparently the fastest growing economy in the world, more and more people were also clamouring for MGNREGA work. If the economy is doing well, it should be creating many jobs, which should then lower the demand for minimum wage MGNREGA work. MGNREGA demand should be inversely proportional to economic growth.

Clearly, there is a big dissonance between GDP growth and its translation into actual jobs and incomes for people.

Further, even the jobs that are being created tend to exacerbate India's social fissures. People from higher castes constitute nearly three quarters of the formal service sector jobs that GDP growth produces while 80% of workers under the MGNREGA programne are from the oppressed castes of Dalits, tribals and backward castes.

Analysis of data from the Reserve Bank of India shows that in the decade 1980 to 1990, every percentage point of GDP growth produced two lakh formal jobs. This halved to just one lakh jobs for every percentage of GDP growth in the 1990s, and halved further in every subsequent decade. There is an alarming decline in the number of jobs that are being created with every percentage growth in GDP. This is a function of the poor quality of GDP growth, rapid increase in productivity and extreme automation. To be clear, this phenomenon is not unique to India or the Narendra Modi government, but a global economic problem.

Political leaders need to question whether headline grabbing GDP numbers actually ensure true economic prosperity to all

Thus, it is important to focus on the job intensity of economic initiatives rather than merely chase headline GDP growth. For example, there has been much hullabaloo recently about India's foray into semiconductor manufacturing, with a lot of taxpayer money being spent to lure foreign companies to set up factories to make electronic chips. While there may be sound strategic reasons for defence and diplomacy in this initiative, the economic rationale is weak. Semiconductor manufacturing is highly automated and does not produce many jobs, especially for low-skilled workers. The world's largest (contract) electronics manufacturer, Foxconn, nearly doubled its revenues between 2010 and 2020 but its total number of workers remained roughly the same. Traditional manufacturing such as automobile, steel, cement and semiconductors have lost their ability to create as many low-skilled jobs as they did earlier, primarily due to automation. While these economic activities may contribute meaningfully to headline GDP numbers, it matters very little to the millions of Indians who are looking for jobs and incomes.

The Mines and Minerals Bill, India's future

In this context, the Narendra Modi government's new Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, or the MMA Bill, can be a potential booster shot in India's economic arm, if administered properly. The world is in the midst of an inevitable transition to electric mobility. While electronic chips and equipment are key to this transition, the fountainhead for this change are minerals such as lithium, cobalt, graphite and other 'rare earths'. These minerals are the foundation for the whole electric mobility supply chain which countries such as China are pursuing aggressively. China dominates this supply chain through a belligerent geo-economic policy of sourcing, extracting and refining these minerals from various parts of the world. *The Washington Post* reported recently that nearly a trillion dollars worth of a vast wealth of lithium and other minerals have been found in the Hindu Kush mountain range in Nurestan. It is little wonder that China is working closely with the Taliban regime to gain access to this strategic asset.

Various studies have shown that India's topography is very conducive to finding similar mineral deposits as found in Afghanistan and Western Australia. But India has not explored even 10% of its potential mineral deposits below the earth and has mined even less. With a coastline that is over 7,000 kilometres long, India's potential in finding rich strategic minerals can be even greater through deep sea mining. However, lack of access to latest mining technologies, environmental concerns and previous incidents of labour exploitation in mines have prevented India thus far from exploring this opportunity. The new MMA Bill promises to change that through private sector participation in exploration of strategic minerals including lithium.

More importantly, mining, unlike semiconductor manufacturing, can create large numbers of jobs that are both local and low skilled. It can also be socially more inclusive by absorbing large numbers of people from the oppressed castes (Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) in the workforce. In the global transition to electric mobility, by exploring India's vast untapped mining potential, there is an opportunity for India to achieve true inclusive economic development and also become a strategic powerhouse in the world through control of critical minerals.

But it is still too early to tell. While the new MMA Bill promises to unlock India's mining potential through the private sector, it lacks details and as always, the devil is in the details. There needs to be strong guardrails against labour exploitation and environmental hazards. But rather than being doe-eyed about initiatives such as 'SemiconIndia' or 'Make in India', the government should be more discerning and critical in its evaluation of where to spend India's limited resources to extract maximum social returns.

Change the discourse

It is very important for political leaders to change the nation's economic discourse and abandon this blind quest for headline GDP growth. Economists, technocrats and the IMF peddle GDP growth, since it is a convenient measure to compare what they can forecast through excel models on their computers. For political leaders who are entrusted with people's real welfare, it is critical not to fall prey and question whether such headline GDP delivers true economic prosperity to all its people. The Finance Minister has convened a '*chintan shivir*' (thought workshop) of all top economic policy officials, apparently to discuss ideas for a high GDP growth rate. Perhaps, more importantly, this *chintan shivir* should ask not what our nation's GDP growth should be, but instead ask what our JDP should be – i.e., Jobs Data Product.

A 'fab' way to conduct India-Japan tech diplomacy

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India and Japan, in July 2023, agreed to collaborate on semiconductors in a bid to create a more resilient supply chain for this critical technology and work together for the joint development of the semiconductor ecosystem. The partnership will focus on five areas: 'semiconductor design, manufacturing, equipment research, establishing resilience in the semiconductor supply chain, and talent development', paving the way for government-to-government and industry-to-industry collaborations.

An alignment of policies

The deal comes in the wake of the rapid expansion in the semiconductor industry, particularly the importance of specialised chips, which has prompted the need for growing the pool of talent available in the industry alongside increasing the number of semiconductor fabrication plants (fabs). The partnership fosters the exchange of technical knowledge, research, and innovation between the Indian and Japanese semiconductor industries, facilitates technology transfer, and enables Tokyo and New Delhi to stay at the forefront of semiconductor advancements.

Both nations have aligned their policies to support semiconductor manufacturing and research. India's "Make in India" initiative and Japan's "Society 5.0" vision share the goal of technological self-reliance and innovation-driven growth. Bilateral agreements have been signed to promote technology transfer, cooperation in semiconductor research, and reciprocal trade in semiconductor-related products.

The collaboration stands as a testament to the power of strategic alliances and technological synergy. Both nations recognise the critical importance of semiconductor technology in driving innovation, economic growth, and national security. Japan, with its advanced semiconductor industry, has long been a global leader in chip manufacturing and research. India has a growing information technology sector and a burgeoning demand for semiconductor products across industries. The convergence of these strengths has laid the foundation for a mutually beneficial collaboration.

Their collaboration highlights the power of strategic alliances and technological synergy

Supply chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions, which are of particular significance in the Indo-Pacific region, have underscored the need for diversifying semiconductor supply chains and cross-country collaboration. Joint research initiatives enable the pooling of resources and expertise to tackle complex challenges in semiconductor design, manufacturing processes, and materials science. This collaborative approach accelerates both innovation and the development of cutting-edge solutions. The partnership also emphasises human resource development through skill exchange programmes, workshops, and training.

The American partnership

India's strength in semiconductor design and packaging offers scope for it to join forces with leaders in the industry. The agreement with Japan follows close on the heels of the charting of a technology partnership for the future between the United States and India which also covers investment, innovation, and workforce development, facilitating the long-term strategic development of complementary semiconductor ecosystems. As part of the agreement with Washington, New Delhi is set to sign an agreement with Georgia Tech University. All this also follows from investments by Micron Technology and Applied Materials to set up a semiconductor unit and a research and development centre.

The India-Japan partnership is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the global semiconductor landscape. As technology continues to evolve, their collaboration will remain dynamic, addressing new challenges such as semiconductor miniaturisation, AI integration, and quantum computing. This partnership will also have far-reaching implications for the global technology ecosystem and the dimensions of geopolitical partnerships in the Indo-Pacific. Coming in the wake of the U.S.'s CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, which places strategic curbs on the expansion of semiconductor manufacturing by countries posing a direct threat to the U.S., including China, the bilateral agreements of both Washington and Tokyo with New Delhi demonstrate the consolidation among like-minded partners in the Indo-Pacific towards critical technologies and the acknowledgment of the same *vis-à-vis* geostrategic and national security concerns.

In January 2023, Japan and the Netherlands joined the U.S. in restricting exports of semiconductor manufacturing materials required in the making of advanced chips to China. Tighter export controls on China's chip manufacturing ability is among the Joe Biden administration's key diplomatic pursuits in the Indo-Pacific. Although the move is expected to affect the sales of Japanese chip companies which rely on sales to China, Tokyo is on board because of the geopolitical concerns over China's expanding chip-making capabilities. This is also why the partnership with India is significant as a means of diversifying the landscape of the semiconductor industry.

Both agreements indicate the confidence placed in India by the two Quad countries (The Quad has India, Japan, Australia and the U.S.) and also signal the coming of age of India's own capabilities in the development of semiconductors and related technologies. By combining Japan's technological prowess and India's innovation and design capacities, the collaboration on semiconductors paves the way for a future characterised by advanced electronics, enhanced connectivity, and a shared commitment to pushing the boundaries of technological excellence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Court guidelines

The attention being given to the issue of gender inequality in India needs appreciation (Editorial, August 18). However, I would like to point out that despite our nation's commitment to securing justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity for every citizen, we are yet to tackle these issues even over 70 years after Independence. It is time for us to act and address all forms of discrimination and stereotypes. Every citizen must work towards empowering women.

Neena Rose Paul,
Bengaluru

The tendency to stereotype women often leads to inequality and insult. What the Supreme Court of India, has done, by bringing out its handbook and guidelines, deserves to be emulated everywhere else. I also wonder whether reform will result in less justice to women.
If, for example, an unmarried mother is not referred to as an unmarried mother, how will the gravity of the situation be reflected in a judgment?

Geetha B.K.,
East Kadirur, Kannur, Kerala

Language matters, especially in a discipline as precise as the law. It influences attitudes, encapsulates social mores on sensitive issues, and serves as an important signal to the authorities. Though the lower courts do sometimes end up perpetuating stereotypes, the manual can help remove some barriers in the access to justice.

Mohammad Taukir,
West Champaran, Bihar

In Baku

R. Praggnanandhaa has showcased his prodigious chess talent to prevail over Arjun Erigaisi. The win virtually assures him of a spot in the 2024 Candidates tournament.

N.J. Ravi Chander,
Bengaluru

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A banner saying that the student death at Jadavpur University was neither a suicide nor an accident. DEBASISH BHADURI

Ragging rage

With the recent student death in West Bengal's 68-year-old Jadavpur University allegedly triggered by senior bullying, **Shiv Sahay Singh** digs into the politics that have played out on campus, the police investigation, and UGC rules on the matter, to find that the tragedy is a build-up of many factors

Five days after the death of a first-year student at West Bengal's Jadavpur University (JU), a new hoarding on campus declared in bold, red and black letters: 'Ragging: A Criminal Offence. The Supreme Court of India directs institutions to expel students found guilty of ragging.' Also on display were names and telephone numbers of 22 members of the university's Anti-Ragging Committee.

Going by the University Grants Commission (UGC) directive that all educational institutions in the country observe August 12-18 as anti-ragging week, the timing of the message was on point. Perhaps the hoarding was commissioned before a student lost his life allegedly due to ragging at the university. In this new context, it became an eyesore, a reminder that JU had failed to protect a boy who would have turned 18 in two months.

As university staff carried ladders to light one of the hoardings at gate no. 3 of the university, Pijush Gayen, a student of the linguistics department, watching this said, "These posters should have been put up before the first-year students started coming to campus; now they look like a cruel joke."

In the early hours of August 10, a first-year student of the Bengali department fell to his death from the second floor of the university's boys' hostel, situated less than 100 metres off campus, next to the Jadavpur Police Station.

He had attended classes for only three days."He was very happy with the teachers. After his first day in college, he called to say that he liked Kafi Sir's class," his father said. Abdul Kafi is a well-known teacher at JU's Bengali department and was among the few faculty members who rushed to the hostel in the early hours of August 10, when he heard the news.

Despite his shock and grief, the student's father, who works in a cooperative bank in Nadia district, had reached out to him at the hospital and told him that his son, a part of a batch of 60 to 70 students, had loved his class."There was only one lecture [for the students of the first year] which I took in the three days. I was his teacher for only 50 minutes," Prof. Kafi told a Bengali television news channel, poignantly.

Political tussle

This week, the students of JU seethed with anger and poured it into that quintessential Bengali way of registering it publicly: protests. Slogans of "*Inquilab zindabad* (long live the revolution)" and "*Hallabol* (raise your voice)" rend the air outside the main entrance of the university's administrative block, Aurobindo Bhawan. More posters and graffiti have come up across the politically active campus, which has always been dotted with wall writing proclaiming the names and party allegiances of student leaders.

"We want justice for the murder of our brother," read a poster put up by the Arts Faculty Student's Union. "We want a ragging-free campus," read another. Students' unions led one procession after another, going around the 67-acre campus. Teachers under the banner of JUTA (Jadavpur University Teachers' Association) also brought out a procession, albeit a silent one.

As the students continued with their high-pitched sloganeering, a group of supporters of the Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP), the student wing of the ruling party, tried to force their way into the administrative block. When students of the Left unions resisted, a clash broke out and some students fell to the ground. Supporters of the TMCP blame the Left students' unions and their insistence on not installing CCTV cameras as a reason for the death. Amid ongoing protests, a political battle is also on for a bit of university space. Despite being in power for 12 years, the TMCP has not made a dent in JU.

> The Trinamool Congress is using the crisis to attack the Left student politics at JU
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> **TARUN NASKAR**
> Retired professor of mechanical engineering

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's claim that "Marxists", her party the Trinamool Congress' "number one adversary", were responsible for the death, has precipitated the situation. The heat of the incident at JU is being felt in campuses across the State, where supporters of Left students' unions and the TMCP have clashed.

Hostel crunch

"The university's hostel allocation committee should convene a meeting and segregate hostel facilities for undergraduate students," a protesting student told a group of journalists, insisting that the main issue faced by students should not be lost in the noise.

Jadavpur University has 14 hostels (four for girls and 10 for boys) across its two campuses in south Kolkata and Bidhannagar (Salt Lake City) with a total capacity of 1,876 students: 1,254 for boys and 622 for girls, as per the JU website. Only 20% of the 11,000 students of the university can avail themselves of hostel facilities. Students and teachers say that more than 50% of those who are enrolled in the university are not from Kolkata, and since hostel facilities cost much less than paying-guest accommodation, hostel rooms are greatly in demand.

"Jadavpur University has not invested in hostel facilities. Our students are forced to stay in rented accommodation in areas like Santoshpur and Garia, adjoining the university," conceded Prof. Omprakash Mishra, one of the senior-most faculty members of JU in the department of international relations, and former vice chancellor of North Bengal University. "For first-year students the situation is much worse, as hostels are not allocated to them until the end of the first semester." Currently, the university does not have a vice chancellor. Ironically, JU is at number 4 on the Government of India's National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2023.

Prof. Mishra pointed out that hostels are overcrowded, with three or four students sharing a room meant for one or two. The student who died was in A2 block of the main hostel, which has 58 rooms for 180 students. The student was forced to stay with seniors, he said. It was only after the death that first-year students were shifted to the New Boys' Hostel on university premises.

Supporters of a Left-wing students union in a scuffle with police outside Jadavpur University. DEBASISH BHADURI

The UGC mandates separate hostels for first-year students. Clause 6.2 of the UGC's Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, points out that on admission, every student will be given a printed leaflet detailing when and whom to turn to for guidance, including wardens, heads of institutions, members of the anti-ragging committee, so that freshers need not look to seniors for help.

Contrary to UGC guidelines, first-year students routinely approach seniors for hostel accommodation. The father of the student had asked the seniors to take care of his son. No hostel room was officially allocated to the deceased student.

Amitava Datta, the pro vice chancellor had, on August 10, announced an internal committee to enquire into the "extremely sad incident". The committee is to submit its report in 15 days.Meanwhile registrar Snehamanju Basu on August 17 issued orders for several security measures including the installation of CCTV cameras at strategic points on the university campus and directions that anyone entering the campus between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. produce an identity card.

In the dark

On the night of August 9, when the student was allegedly ragged by a group of seniors, he reached out to his mother. "Ma, I am very frightened here," he had allegedly said over his mobile phone, in Bengali. When the parents called again, one of his seniors, Sourav Chowdhury, took the call and told his mother there was nothing wrong and that her son was busy with friends. Chowdhury was the first to be arrested.

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> **THE VICTIM'S FATHER**

In all, nine people have been arrested, five students and four who had recently completed their courses but were still staying at the hostel.The police pressed charges under Sections 302 (punishment for murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code in the FIR drawn up on the basis of a complaint by the father. According to the police, the nine people were present at the hostel when the student fell to his death.

Most of those arrested hail from rural areas, and come from families with similar backgrounds and income profiles as the victim. While Chowdhury, 23, had completed his M.Sc. in Mathematics 2022 hails from Chandrakona in East Medinipur; Saptak Kamilya, 27, who studied environmental studies, is from Egra in Purba Medinipur; Suman Naskar, 26, from the philosophy department is from Mandirbazar in South 24 Parganas; and Asit Sardar, 21, from the Sanskrit department is from Kutalai in South 24 Parganas. They had completed their courses but still lived in the hostel. The other five students arrested are Deepsekhar Dutta, 19; Manotosh Ghosh, 20; Mohammad Asif Afzal Ansari, 22; Mohammad Arif, 18; and Ankan Sarkar, 20. As per the police, those present in the hostel at the time of the incident have said that the student was ragged, tortured, stripped, and repeatedly asked if he was gay.

Chairperson of the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights Sudeshna Roy has said that the organisation was of the preliminary view that charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, be drawn up against the accused.

"After the student fell, we tried to find out what happened. There was a crowd, and we were not allowed near. The seniors were engaged in a heated argument which we could not understand, and then a taxi came and took him to the hospital," said Akash Sarma, a third-year student from the international relations department.

Sarma, from Cooch Behar district and a boarder, said many parents have been asking students to return home to a local college. "How will parents allow children to stay in the hostel after this?" he said, adding that his family does not have the means to rent a place in Kolkata.

Meanwhile, police investigations have revealed that after the student fell, seniors held several meetings and discussed what they would tell the police. The gate of the main hostel was locked, preventing them from entering, and the police have filed a separate case regarding this.

"I was told by the students and the hostel superintendent that I should lock the gates so that the media and police cannot enter the hostel," Jayanta Kumar Pal, the security guard at the main hostel, said. Dipayan Dutta, the main hostel superintendent, denied giving any such instruction and said that about 10 minutes past midnight when he reached the hostel, the gate was locked, and the injured student had already been taken to the hospital. The superintendent admitted that those staying at the hostel would drink inside their rooms and that he did not interfere, fearing altercation and a backlash from students.

Digging deeper

The tragedy has raised questions about administrative lapses. Registrar Basu and dean of students Rajat Ray are also being questioned by the police. In a letter dated August 16, the UGC said that it was not satisfied with the report submitted by Jadavpur University on the death of the student. The statutory body regulating higher education in the country said that it had found the response "very generic in nature, basically mentioning therein mostly the reactive approaches adopted in the matter rather than proactive measures taken to curb the menace of ragging."

State Education Minister Bratya Basu and other leaders said that there has been "utter lawlessness on campus for years". In 2014, an incident of sexual harassment of a student and subsequent police action inside the campus during had paralysed JU for months with the *Hok Kolorab* (let there be clamour) protests.

"The Trinamool Congress is using the crisis to attack the Left student politics," said Tarun Naskar, a professor of mechanical engineering, who retired in May. Prof. Naskar, associated with the All-Bengal University Teachers Association, said ragging has been a "perennial problem" to which authorities have turned a blind eye.

In October 2022, IIT Kharagpur in West Bengal had erupted in protests over the death of 23-year-old Faizan Ahmed who was found dead in his hostel room. The Calcutta High Court, after pointing out that Faizan's death was a "clear case of ragging" had ordered a detailed investigation. A second post-mortem was conducted after exhuming the body in May 2023 from Dibrugarh in Assam, which revealed that the student's death was "homicidal" in nature. On August 16, the Calcutta High Court directed the SIT (Special Investigation Team) to go ahead with the probe on the basis of the second post-mortem.

Jishu Debnath, a visually impaired Ph.D. student from the Bengali department, has spent more than a decade at different hostels in JU. "I had to leave the hostel in 2014-15 as an undergraduate student, as I could not take the ragging. I returned a year later as a postgraduate student, but nothing had changed. There are particular dates in the calendar like Mahalaya when marathon ragging sessions are held in hostels," he said.

In November 2022, Debnath and a few others approached the dean of students, when a visually challenged student was ragged. "They did not act against the perpetrator and the complainant was harassed. Over the years the authorities have simply refused to act," he said.

In case of a problem, please reach out to the UGC's 24x7 anti-ragging helpline at 1800-180-5522.

From Page One

No SC stay on Bihar caste survey publication

"This is a social survey. The information got from the exercise would be analysed," Mr. Divan said, adding that the State's welfare measures would be tailored on the basis of the data collected from the survey. He assured the court that individual data would be protected.

Upholding legality

Senior advocate Aparajita, for a petitioner, urged the Bench to stay the uploading of the survey data.

"We will not stay anything till we are *prima facie* convinced there is a need for that... The State has already a High Court judgment in its favour. The exercise is complete. The data will be available in public," Justice Khanna responded.

The Patna High Court had upheld the legality of the survey on August 1.

'Census powers with Centre'

The petitioners have argued that Bihar had no authority to conduct such a survey, which was an attempt to usurp the powers of the Centre. "Only the Union has the authority to conduct Census in India. The State government has no authority to decide and notify the conduct of caste-based survey in Bihar. The notification is null and void," the petitioners said.

They contended that the survey had violated Schedule VII of the Constitution, the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990. The petitioners highlighted that the census appeared in Entry 69 in the Union List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

Their pleas argued that the survey notification in June 2022 was *ultra vires*, or beyond the powers, of Sections 3, 4, and 4A of the Census Act, 1948, as well as Rules 3, 4 and 6A of the Census Rules, 1990.

3 killed in an attack at Manipur's Ukhrul

He added that an Assam Rifles unit posted around three kilometres from the village was recently removed owing to pressure by Meitei groups. A source confirmed that the unit was relocated on July 30 due to operational requirement.

The Meitei civil society groups and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislators in the valley have demanded the withdrawal of Assam Rifles from the buffer areas, where Kuki and Meitei settlements are adjacent to each other, alleging bias.

On August 7, the BJP State leadership submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that the "Assam Rifles has been charged by the public for their biased role in tackling the situation by favouring and supporting one side only."

The Kuki groups have opposed the withdrawal of AR and questioned the role of State police commandos in the present violence.

More than 150 people have been killed since the violence began on May 3. There are 34 recognised Scheduled Tribes in Manipur, which comprises different Kuki and Naga tribes, which put together come up to about 40% of the State's population.

SC adjourns hearing on Umar Khalid's bail plea for two weeks

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Umar Khalid

The Supreme Court on Friday adjourned for two weeks the hearing on a plea filed by former JNU student Umar Khalid seeking bail in a case lodged under anti-terror law UAPA over his alleged involvement in the conspiracy behind the February 2020 riots in northeast Delhi.

A Bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Bela M. Trivedi said the matter needs to heard on a non-miscellaneous day.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are non-miscellaneous days in the apex court when matters that require detailed hearing are taken up.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Mr. Khalid, agreed to the suggestion.

Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra had on August 9 recused himself from hearing Mr. Khalid's plea.

Mr. Khalid's petition, challenging the October 18, 2022 order of the Delhi High Court, which had rejected his bail plea in the matter, had come up for hearing before a Bench of Justices A.S. Bopanna and Mishra.

The High Court had rejected Mr. Khalid's bail plea, saying he was in constant touch with other co-accused and the allegations against him were *prima facie* true. It had also said the actions of the accused *prima facie* qualified as "terrorist act".

Activists Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, and several others have been booked under UAPA for allegedly being the "masterminds" of the February 2020 riot.

LS privileges panel to hear Adhir Ranjan on August 30

Some committee members are of the view that the Congress MP has already been punished for his 'misconduct' and that his suspension from the Lower House should be revoked after hearing

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NEW DELHI

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury during the discussion in the Lok Sabha on the no-confidence motion on August 10. PTI

The Privileges Committee of Lok Sabha decided, on Friday, to ask Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury to appear in its next meeting scheduled for August 30 to present his side of the story. This was the first meeting of the parliamentary panel on the subject headed by BJP member Sunil Kumar Singh.

According to sources, 10 out of 14 members of the Privileges Committee attended the meeting and four of these members were from the INDIA parties. Mr. Chowdhury was named by Speaker Om Birla for "unruly conduct" on August 11, the last day of the Monsoon Session and was suspended from the membership of Lok Sabha, pending a report from the Privileges Committee.

Many members were of the opinion that Mr. Chowdhury has already been punished for his "misconduct". Sources said that the predominant sentiment among the members was that the suspension should be withdrawn after the panel hearing from Mr. Chowdhury. "It is a globally held legal position that there cannot be a double jeopardy. A person cannot be punished twice for the same offence," a committee member said.

Though no BJP member openly advocated revoking Mr. Chowdhury's suspension, none opposed it either.

'Wrong precedent'

During the meeting, at least two members flagged that the Rajya Sabha has set a wrong precedent by keeping the members under suspension beyond the tenure of the session. Rajya Sabha Congress MP Rajani Patil was under suspension for three months after the Budget Session ended. Her suspension was revoked in the last week of the Monsoon Session, after the Privileges Committee of the Upper House met on a Saturday.

The Opposition members also pointed out that Mr. Chowdhury, who heads the Public Accounts Committee, will not be holding meetings, because of his suspension. The Parliamentary rules dictate that a suspended member cannot attend any panel meetings.

Besides Mr. Singh, BJP members Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Raju Bista, Ganesh Singh, Janardan Sigriwal, Dilip Ghosh, DMK member T.R. Baalu, Congress member K. Suresh and Trinamool member Kalyan Banerjee attended the meeting on Friday.

8 militancy supporters held near LoC, terrorist's body found in Reasi: Army

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Big bust: Huge cache of arms and ammunition recovered during a joint operation by different forces in Kupwara on Friday. ANI

The body of a militant was recovered during a search operation in the Pir Panjal valley's Reasi district on Friday. Meanwhile, eight alleged militant supporters were arrested and arms recovered from them near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Kashmir valley.

"During a search operation along with the police's Special Operation Group and Village Defence Committee (VDC) members in the early morning hours, the body of a likely foreign terrorist was found in the jungle area. Warlike stores were recovered from the terrorist," Lt. Col. Suneel Bartwal, a Jammu-based defence spokesperson, said.

The Army said security forces have been "continuing relentless operations in the jungle areas of Reasi district".

The Army spokesperson said the body was of a terrorist who was injured but managed to escape during an operation in Rajouri on August 5. Two Pakistani terrorists were trapped during the encounter at Gundha Khawas in Rajouri area. The police suspect that the slain militant had been involved in many terror-crime cases in Rajouri-Poonch region, including the recent attack on special forces at Kesari Hill and the Dhangri terror incident.

In north Kashmir's Kupwara, a huge cache of arms and ammunition was recovered during a search operation in the Machil sector of Kupwara, the Army said. Five AK rifles, seven pistols, four hand grenades and other incriminating material were among the recovered items, the Army added.

In Baramulla, two terror modules were busted and eight "terrorist associates" were held on Friday, according to the police. The police said an arrested person, identified as Showkat Ali, revealed the names of his accomplices.

In a separate operation at Uri, the police held five persons involved in cross-border smuggling.

Digital innovations in healthcare must be for public good: PM

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
GANDHINAGAR

Narendra Modi

Innovations in digital healthcare should be opened up for the public good, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday, urging G-20 Health Ministers to avoid duplication in funding and facilitate the equitable availability of technology.

"The Global Initiative on Digital Health... will allow countries in the Global South to close the gap in healthcare delivery. It will take us one step closer to our goal of achieving universal health coverage," Mr. Modi said, as part of his address at the ongoing meeting of G-20 Health Ministers in Gujarat's capital.

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded the world that health should be at the centre of our decisions, Mr. Modi said, adding that it had also made clear the value of international cooperation, whether in medicine and vaccine deliveries, or in bringing people back home. Calling resilience one of the biggest lessons during the pandemic, he said that global health systems should be resilient.

Persons who forward abusive social media posts can't escape liability: apex court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Actor and former MLA S. Ve Shekher is accused of sharing a vulgar post about women journalists

The Supreme Court made it clear to actor and former MLA S. Ve Shekher on Friday that a person who mechanically forwards abusive or derogatory social media posts without actually reading or thinking them through is liable to face the consequences, which may extend to criminal action.

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and P.K. Mishra did not seem very impressed when Mr. Shekher, who is accused of sharing a vulgar post about women journalists, said he had applied eye drops and his fingers accidentally touched the 'send' button.

"Why do you have to forward social media posts even when you have drops in your eyes," Justice Gavai asked senior advocate S. Nagamuthu, appearing for Mr. Shekher.

Mr. Nagamuthu said social media had become "essential part of our lives", and it was hard to ignore it. "We manage well without social media," Justice Gavai retorted.

The top court refused to interfere with the Madras High Court decision, refusing to quash multiple criminal cases filed against Mr. Shekher. The Facebook post shared by him dates back to April 19, 2018. The High Court had expressed its reluctance to even translate the post, saying the message was "despicable", to say the least.

"We live in an era where social media has virtually taken over the lives of every individual in the world. We are now suffering from a virtual information diarrhoea where everyone is bombarded with messages. That is the reason as to why a person must exercise social responsibility while forwarding a message," the High Court had noted.

Mayawati slams Bibek's call for 'new Constitution'

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Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati has condemned the chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (EAC), Bibek Debroy, for "exceeding his jurisdiction" in calling for a new Constitution in an article.

"Bibek Debroy clearly acted beyond his brief, which the central government must take immediate cognisance of and take action, so that no one dares talk this way again," wrote Ms. Mayawati, on X (formerly Twitter).

"Our current Constitution is largely based on the Government of India Act of 1935. In that sense, it is also a colonial legacy. A few amendments won't do. We should go back to the drawing board and start from first principles," he had written in a newspaper on August 15.

Meanwhile, EAC-PM has distanced itself from Mr. Debroy's article suggesting embracing a new Constitution and said the article, in no way reflects the views of EAC-PM or the Government of India.

Hate speech will be prosecuted equally, no matter the faith: SC

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said that instances of hate speech would be prosecuted equally, no matter the faith of the offender.

A Bench headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna made the remark when a lawyer alleged that a rally was held in Kerala in July where one of the slogans was "death to the Hindus".

"We have made it very clear, hate speech will be treated equally, no matter which side is doing it," Justice Khanna emphasised.

Advocate Nizam Pasha intervened to say that "hate has no sides".

The exchange came when a series of petitions complaining of rising instances of hate speech came up for hearing.

In October 2022, the top court had said that it was "tragic what we have reduced religion to" in the 21st century, noting that a "climate of hate prevails in the country", while directing police and authorities to immediately register cases against hate speech makers and offenders who committed acts of communal violence without waiting for a complaint to be filed.

Recently, the court had asked the Ministry of Home Affairs and the governments of Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Haryana to respond to a petition filed by the National Federation of Indian Women seeking an explanation for their "consistent failure" in the past five years to act against lynching and mob violence committed against Muslims by cow vigilantes.

State's duty

In 2018, the court had condemned hate crimes and held that it was the "sacrosanct duty" of the State to protect the lives of its citizens.

The Tehseen Poonawala judgment saw the court issue guidelines for the States and police to prevent, control, and deter mob violence and lynchings.

"I hope the guidelines are being followed," Justice Khanna told the government.

The court listed the case on August 25.

3 accused in 2020 Delhi riots case discharged

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NEW DELHI

Discharging three men accused of rioting and vandalism in a case pertaining to the 2020 northeast Delhi violence, a court here has pulled up Delhi Police for filing a chargesheet without proper investigation.

Additional Sessions Judge Pulastya Pramachala of Karkardooma Court, on Wednesday, said the order of discharge for Akil Ahmed, Raheesh Khan and Irshad was being passed after realising that the chargesheet was "predetermined", "mechanical", and filed in an "erroneous" manner with subsequent actions to only cover up the initial wrong actions.

The matter pertains to an FIR lodged at the Dayalpur police station on February 28, 2020. The judge found that the investigating officer clubbed several complaints by some victims whose vehicles were allegedly set on fire by a rioting mob. In three years, the police had submitted one main and two supplementary chargesheets in the case.

INBRIEF

Mirwaiz 'disallowed' at Friday prayers; L-G says 'he is free'

Hurriyat chairman and Valley's chief cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq was disallowed to attend the Friday prayers at the Jamia Masjid in Srinagar, just a day after J&K Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha stated that his administration was mulling to allow the Mirwaiz to visit the mosque under a security cover. Earlier, the L-G had said the Mirwaiz was free to go anywhere under a security cover. However, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah disputed the claims of the L-G about the Mirwaiz being free.

Congress seeks White Paper on Chinese betting app scam

The Congress on Friday demanded that the government issue a White Paper on a Chinese national who allegedly duped 1,200 people in Gujarat to the tune of ₹1,400 crore in Gujarat. Alleging that the Narendra Modi-led government used central agencies to target Opposition leaders, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera asked why it could not take action against Chinese scamsters who "looted" Indians and fled the country. Mr. Khera claimed that Woo Uyanbe had used a football betting app to dupe people.

Meitei Pangals fear they will be 'pulled' into Manipur conflict

Committee expresses its concerns in memorandum to President, PMO and MHA seeking their urgent intervention to restore peace in Manipur

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Members of the United Meitei-Pangal Committee addressing a press conference in New Delhi on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The United Meitei-Pangal Committee of Manipur on Friday said its best efforts to broker peace between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities were not yielding any results and urged the President, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the National Commission for Minorities to urgently intervene and bring peace.

Over the last three months, Meitei Pangals (Meiteis who practise Islam) have remained a neutral community.

On Friday, while speaking to reporters in Delhi, leaders of the UMPC said with the violence continuing, they find themselves in a tight spot and were "afraid that we will be pulled into the conflict".

The UMPC insisted that "there can be no compromise on the integrity of the State of Manipur", clarifying that it does not support any bifurcation in a bid to solve the current crisis. "Any attempt for a separate administration will put us, as minorities, in a tough spot because we have been living peacefully with members of both communities for centuries," one UMPC leader told *The Hindu*. Another said the increasingly communal politics in the State would pose another problem.

The UMPC has also highlighted its concerns on communal politics in its August 17 memorandum to the President, the PMO, the MHA and the NCM.

'Blind eye'

The leaders said that the Manipur government allegedly "allowed" the situation to flare up and the Centre has since "turned a blind eye". In a press statement, the UMPC said it was shocked and anguished that the "powerful mechanisms of the Union government and its agencies" had not yet been able to bring peace in the State.

Another adviser to the UMPC said the Meitei-Pangals had started feeling the impact of the conflict. "A lot of the Meitei-Pangals in Manipur live in the Thoubal region and also along the boundary of Churachandpur (Kuki-Zo-dominated) and Bishnupur (Meitei-dominated) districts." They added that naturally, both communities looked to the Meitei-Pangals for help with essential supplies. "Besides, some of our people still live in Churachandpur and we want to help them. However, every time any one of us tried to reach Churachandpur with supplies, we have been stopped."

Yechury blames 'double engine govt.' for Manipur violence

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NEW DELHI

The violence in Manipur has been going on for too long and should not be allowed to continue, Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] general secretary Sitaram Yechury said on Friday, reiterating the Opposition's demand that Chief Minister N. Biren Singh should be sacked.

He is leading a four-member delegation of the party on a three-day visit to Manipur.

"There is a double-engine government with the BJP government in the State and at the Centre, so they are squarely responsible for the situation here. We are here to do whatever is required on our part of help in restoring normalcy. It has been going on for too long and should not be allowed to continue like this," Mr. Yechury said.

Mr. Yechury-led delegation will visit relief camps at Churachandpur, Moirang and Imphal.

Meanwhile in Delhi, on behalf of the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA), Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat submitted a memorandum to the President on Manipur. "The President heard details of the brutalities perpetrated on victims of sexual assault and other violence. She expressed concern about the happenings. She also mentioned that she has spoken to the Governor several times and was very concerned about the state of the relief camps," Ms. Karat said.

212 Meiteis safely brought back from Myanmar: CM

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NEW DELHI

As many as 212 Meiteis, who sought refuge in Myanmar following violence in Moreh town since May 3, were now "safely back on Indian soil," Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh said on Friday.

"A big shout-out to the Indian Army for their dedication in bringing them home. Sincere gratitude to GOC Eastern Command, Lt Gen. R.P. Kalita, GOC 3 Corp, Lt Gen. HS Sahi and CO of 5 AR, Col. Rahul Jain for their unwavering service," he said. A source said they were brought back in coordination with the Myanmar Army. More than 300 had gone to Myanmar, and some of them were brought back.

BJP veteran gives up Cabinet rank in delimitation protest

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GUWAHATI

Rajen Gohain

Former Union Minister and four-time BJP MP Rajen Gohain on Friday resigned from Cabinet rank as a protest against the delimitation of Parliament and Assembly constituencies in Assam. He represented the Nagaon Lok Sabha seat four times. He was unhappy with the reshaping of the constituency, which he said would benefit the "other party".

Mr. Gohain took a swipe at Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. "The Nagaon seat has been handed over to the other party. It is not enough to say we do not need the votes of the Miya (Bengali-speaking Muslims) community and claiming to preserve the Assamese culture and Hindutva without any action on the ground," he said. He said that he had expressed his dissatisfaction with the delimitation process to the Chief Minister but it did not work. "I feel betrayed as a senior member. My resignation should not be seen as going against the party we built with hard work," Mr. Gohain said.

Criminal law Bills sent to committee on Home Affairs

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NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita Bill, 2023, and Bharatiya Sakhshya Bill, 2023, have been referred to the Standing Committee on Home Affairs. The Committee has three months to carry out consultations and submit its report on the three Bills, which seek to replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

The Standing Committee on Home Affairs is headed by BJP Rajya Sabha MP Brij Lal.

The government argued that these Bills are aimed at decolonising the Indian justice system. All the three laws that are being repealed, the government noted, were framed by the British and enacted by the British Parliament.

The panel headed by BJP MP Brij Lal has three months to carry out discussions and submit its report

"These three Acts which will be replaced were made to strengthen and protect the British rule and their purpose was to punish, not to give justice. We are going to bring changes in both these fundamental aspects," Mr. Shah said while introducing the Bills in the Lok Sabha.

The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita Bill, which will replace the Cr.PC, will now have 533 Sections; 160 Sections have been changed, nine new sections have been added, and nine Sections have been repealed.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, which will replace the IPC, will have 356 Sections instead of the earlier 511 Sections; 175 Sections have been amended, eight new Sections have been added, and 22 Sections have been repealed.

The Bharatiya Sakhshya Bill will now have 170 Sections instead of 167; 23 Sections have been changed, one new section has been added, and five repealed.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement)

BESCOM invites tenders through e-procurement platform from eligible Bidders for **"Supply of 63/100kVA Star-1 & Star-2 (4-Star & 5-Star Rated) Distribution Transformers to BESCOM".**

Sl. No.	Description	Enquiry Nos.
1	Supply of 63kVA Star-1 (4-Star Rated) Distribution Transformers to BESCOM	BESCOM/2023-24/IND0006
2	Supply of 63kVA Star-2 (5-Star Rated) Distribution Transformers to BESCOM	BESCOM/2023-24/IND0007
3	Supply of 100kVA Star-1 (4-Star Rated) Distribution Transformers to BESCOM	BESCOM/2023-24/IND0008
4	Supply of 100kVA Star-2 (5-Star Rated) Distribution Transformers to BESCOM	BESCOM/2023-24/IND0009

Bid Documents available: 21.08.2023. **Last date for Bid Submission:** 20.09.2023, 15:00 Hrs. **Opening of Bid Document:** 22.09.2023 15:00 Hrs.
The Tenders can be obtained through kppp portal web-site **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. Aspiring Bidders need to register on kppp portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with kppp help desk contact numbers (080-23010900, 080-23010901, 080-38013000) or email at hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

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Sd/-
The General Manager (Ele.), Procurement, BESCOM

Office of the Project Director (Housing)
Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & Infrastructure Corporation Limited
4-Sa-24, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur-302004 (RAJ.)
Tel&fax : 0141-4001187, Email: rudsico.housing@rajasthan.gov.in

No. RUDSICO/PD (H.)/Jpr/2023-24/840 Date: 07.08.2023

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for Various Construction works at Dist. Jodhpur, Jalore & Barmer are invited from interested bidders up to 18:00hrs, 31.08.2023 for Item no. 1 to 4 under two bid system on E-procurement for NIT 14/2023-24. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rudsico departmental website. The total approximate value of procurement is Rs. 1629.11 Lacs.

E-NIT No. 14/2023-24
UBN- RDP2324WSOB00085 to 88
Raj.Samwad/C/23/7657 General Manager, RUDSICO, Jaipur

THE RAJASTHAN SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking) UdyogBhawan, TilakMarg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302 005 Phone: 0141-2227079 Fax: 0141-2227257
Website: http://industries.rajasthan.gov.in/rajsico E-mail:rajsico@rajasthan.gov.in
CIN- U91110RJ1961SGC001118

File No. :- F8(21) RSIC/EIS/ICDJPR/2023-24 Date :-

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

RSIC invites online Bids for selection of **"Strategic Business promoter to Equip, Operate, Manage &Transfer Business Services At ICD Jodhpur from the eligible and experienced bidders"** up to 2.00 PM dated 04.09.2023. Other details / terms and condition of the bid may be seen on the procurement portal (**https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**) of the state.

The approximate value of the procurement is INR 50 Crores. UBN RSI2324RFP0001

Raj.Samwad/C/23/7743 Managing Director

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JAWAHARLAL INSTITUTE OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (JIPMER)
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IMPORTANT DATES

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2. Online Registration closes on : 05-09-2023-(Tuesday) - 5 PM

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Nigam Bhavan, 1st floor, sector-16
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Tender Notice

The tender is invited by Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. (TCGL), for the appointment of agency for : **"SITC of ELV and Electrical work at Prerna school, Vadnagar Dist: Mehsana."** Estimated Cost of the Project Rs. 8,99,07,841/- The interested bidders/agencies may download the tender document form the website:https://tender.nprocure.com/ from 18/08/2023 onward Last date of submission on online: 24/08/2023 up to 3.00pm. And Technical Bid (Hard Copy) is 29 /08/2023 up to 3:00 pm. Tender may also be referred on www.gujarattourism.com. The Financial Bid shall be uploaded in n-procure website only.

Managing Director of TCGL reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Managing Director

RajCOMP Info Services Limited (RISL)
C-Block, 1st Floor, Yojana Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur.

RISL invites ebids from the eligible bidders for the following:

NIB No./ Date/ Unique bid no.	Particulars	Estimated Cost/EMD	Start of sale /Last date
3284/01.08.2023 (RIS2324SLOB00039)	Procurement of SMS Services	Rs.09.00 Cr/ Rs. 18.00 Lacs	01.08.2023 21.08.2023

Details can be seen on the websites http://risl.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://doitc.rajasthan.gov.in. Bids are to be submitted through http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.
Raj.Samwad/C/23/7662 System Analyst (Joint Director)

Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation
Kaushal Bhawan, J8-B, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur-302004

Notice Inviting Request for Proposal (RFP) for Mukhya Mantri Yuva Sambal Yojna (MMYSY) Scheme.

Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC) invites Proposal from eligible organizations/Agencies against request for proposal to conduct online training under Mukhya Mantri Yuva Sambal Yojna (MMYSY) Scheme.
RFP is open for FY 2023-24
For further details of RFP and process of online submission visit RSLDC website - **www.livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in** The last date of submission of RFP is 28th August, 2023 by 12.00 HRS

Dated 08 August 2023 Chairman and Managing Director, RSLDC
Raj.Samwad/C/23/7651

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for "Modification work of 132 kV single circuit Kherwara-Dungarpur line on Double Circuit tower (approx. 1.5 km) from 132 kV, GSS, Dungarpur to Dungarpur TSS and Construction of balance work of 132 kV single circuit line (approx. 1.5 km) to 132 kV Railway TSS Dungarpur under deposit work of Railway (on turnkey basis) including detailed route survey, laying and installation of monopoles alongwith associated accessories/ items and civil works , specification No. RVPN/EHV/A&SP/TN-107 [UBN No. VPN2324WLOB01206]" are invited from interested bidders up to15.09.2023 (04:00 PM). Other particulars of the bids may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state and https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn departmental website.
Superintending Engineer
Raj.Samwad/C/23/7746 RRVPN/TR-5989/2023 (Automation, N/M & SP), Jaipur

By E-Mail/e-Despatch E_Mail ID:-serwcbaripada@gmail.com;Ph.No.06792-261343/261344
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, Gangraj,Baripada
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA
"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Work
Identification No.- Online Tender-Bridge N.C.B. No.300 for 2023-24
Letter No. 3919 / Date : 17.08.2023 //

1. Name of the Work : **Bridge work under Biju Setu Yojana in the District of Mayurbhanj.**
2. Total No. of Work : **05 Nos (Five)**
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs.288.12 Lakhs to Rs.467.18 Lakhs** (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : **As per annexure**
5. Period of Completion : **As per annexure**
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W.Circle,Baripada. Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada.	Bridge On-line N.C.B. No.300	Dt.21.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.04.09.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.02.09.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.05.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in
- Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e_tender website only.

Sd/- Er. S.K.Rout, Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Baripada.
O-674 : OIPR-25014/11/0006/2324

Mail ID : sepwdbalangir@gmail.com
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, BALANGIR (R&B) CIRCLE, BALANGIR
e-Procurement Notice - BID IDENTIFICATION No.CCE(R&B) BGR/17/2023-24
Letter No.4226 // Dtd.17.08.2023

The **Chief Construction Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate **composite** bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for the construction of works detailed in the table below from **"B" & "A" Class** Contractors registered with the State Governments and contractors of equivalent Grade / Class registered with Central Government / MES / Railways for execution of Civil works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the bid.

1. Nature of Work : **Bridge & Building Work**
2. No. of tender : **Building Work - 01 No & Bridge Work - 01 No**
3. Tender Cost : **Rs.10,000/-**
4. Class of Contractor : **"B" , "A" & Special Class**
5. Date & Time of sale & Receipt of Bids : From **Dt.21.08.2023, 05.00 P.M.** to **Dt.04.09.2023 up to 05.00 P.M.**
6. Date of Opening of Bid : **Dt.05.09.2023 at 11.00 A.M.**
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **http://tendersorissa.gov.in.** All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE MODE only.

Chief Construction Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir.
B-710: OIPR-34131/11/0018/2324

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(Construction Organisation)
Deputy Chief Engineer/II/Construction/ Trivandrum
Tender Notice No.
01-DyCE-CN-II-TVC-2023 dt.18.08.2023
Name of Work: Doubling of track between TVC CAPE Section - Manufacturing supply and stacking of machine crushed Track Ballast conforming to RDSO Specification (IRS-GE-1) with latest correction slips at various nominated location in between NCJ-CAPE & CAPE Yard.
Tender Value: Rs.393.55 lakhs
Period of Completion: FOUR Months.
Earnest Money Deposit: 3,46,800/-
Tender Closing date: 11.09.2023
Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**
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Department of Information Technology,
Electronics and Communications Government of Goa
"IT Hub", 2nd Floor, Altinho, Panaji-Goa 403001

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Electronic Mode Only)

Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications, Panjim-Goa invites tender "***For empanelment of Agencies for providing internet bandwidth and public wifi hot-spots in the State of Goa***".

All the interested bidders are requested to register on the e-tendering portal, if not registered. For details, please log on to **www.eprocure.goa.gov.in.**

DI/Advt/1117/2023

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur-760004
e-mail id : se_sicbam@yahoo.com
e - Procurement Notice No. ACE, RBB- 02 / 2023-24

1. Type of Work : **Road and Flood Protection Work.**
2. Total No. of Works : **04 (Four) No.**
3. Amount put to Tender : **Rs.211.03 Lakh to Rs.463.99 Lakh**
4. Period of Completion : **11 (Eleven) Calendar months**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur	ACE,RBB (CHID)-02/2023-24	463.99	From 24.08.2023, 10.00 AM to 08.09.2023, 5.00 PM
	ACE,RBB (CHID)-03/2023-24	406.50	
	ACE,RBB (CHID)-04/2023-24	212.50	
	ACE,RBB (CHID)-05/2023-24	211.03	

Date of opening of the Technical Bid :- **11.09.2023 at 11.30 A.M.**
Further details can be seen from the Govt. Website "**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**".
Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur
A-454 : OIPR-32411/11/0004/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, PHULBANI (R&B) CIRCLE, PHULBANI
Phone:-06842 254004 E-mail : sernbphulbani@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No.CCE_R and B_PLB_09 of 2023-24
No. 1540 Dated : 10/08/2023

1.	The **Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani** on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bid** in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for construction of the **Road, Bridge & Building works** as detailed in the table below from eligible contractors.		
2.	Nature of work	:	**Road, Bridge & Building Works.**
3.	No. of tenders	:	**Nine Nos**
4.	Tender Cost	:	**Rs.10,000/-** (through online) only.
5.	Class of Contractor	:	**B, A & Special Class**
6.	Date & Time of sale & receipt of Bids	:	**10.00 AM of 04.09.2023 to 5.00 PM of 13.09.2023**
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	**11.00 AM** of **14.09.2023**
8.	The Bidders shall have to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.		

Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani.
B-713 : OIPR-34129/11/0009/2324

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383. Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-07/147/2023-24 Date:17.08.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-III & above (Civil) licence issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the work of Providing Road Safety items & Road Furniture for Hi-Tech Defense and Aerospace Park, 1st Phase at Devenahalli, Bengaluru Rural District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is: **16.09.2023 upto 04:30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/JA/970/2023-24
Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 1

M BG-BGE

INBRIEF

PM Modi to attend BRICS summit in South Africa

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit South Africa to attend the 15th BRICS Summit from August 22-24, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Friday. "This will be the first in-person BRICS Summit since 2019. It will provide an opportunity to review progress of the initiatives launched by the grouping, and identify future areas of activity," stated the official release. It is expected to yield several important meetings including one between Prime Minister Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The BRICS Plus Dialogue will be attended by several leaders representing non-BRICS countries who have been invited by South Africa which is focused on expanding the grouping.

Muslim youth lynched over suspicion of chopping wood

A Muslim youth was killed and his two associates were injured when a mob attacked them on the suspicion that they were illegally chopping wood in a forest in Rampur area of Bansur tehsil of Rajasthan's Alwar district on Thursday night. Those who allegedly attacked the three persons included forest officials. The deceased was driving a pick-up jeep, in which his cousin and a friend were travelling with him. A crowd stopped their jeep near the Narol village and allegedly attacked them, charging that they were roaming in the area to illegally fell the trees and chop their wood. The forest officials joined the group of villagers and all of them allegedly thrashed the three youth.

Two killed as man opens fire after argument over pet dogs

A man and his brother-in-law were killed, and six others, including a pregnant woman, were injured when a person who works as a bank security guard opened fire on them from his double-barrel gun after an altercation over pet dogs in Indore, police said on Friday. The incident occurred late on Thursday, after which the accused Rajpal Singh Rajawat, his son, and nephew were arrested, a police official said. "The incident occurred after Rajawat took his pet dog out for a walk in Krishnabagh Colony. His dog started barking at the neighbour's pet dog. This triggered an argument between Rajawat and the neighbours," police said. PTI

Rahul will contest from Amethi in 2024: Ajay Rai

The newly-appointed Uttar Pradesh Congress chief, Ajay Rai, on Friday claimed that Rahul Gandhi would contest the 2024 Lok Sabha election from Amethi. He added that if Priyanka Gandhi Vadra wishes to contest from Varanasi, each and every Congress worker would put in their best efforts for her success. Mr. Rai, a five-time former MLA, who also contested against Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the Congress party candidate in 2014 and 2019 general elections, was made the party State chief replacing Brijlal Khabri.

Journalist shot dead in Bihar, one suspect held

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

A day after Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar stated that Opposition parties were making false claims of the law and order in the State, a journalist in Araria district was shot dead by four people. *Dainik Jagran* reporter Vimal Kumar Yadav was shot in his chest at Raniganj block. One arrest has been made and the hunt is on to nab the other three.

Around 5.30 a.m. on Friday, four people knocked on the door of Mr. Yadav's home and opened fire as soon as he answered the door.

"Vimal was constantly receiving threat calls to alter his testimony. He had also given a written complaint to the Raniganj police station, demanding security. Neither was security provided nor were those issuing the threats arrested," said a family member.

The office of Additional Director General (Headquarters) issued a press note, saying: "In the preliminary investigation, the cause of the incident is said to be the old enmity with his neighbour".

25 student suicides since 2018 are ragging-related, UGC says in RTI response

The Commission says Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have reported four deaths each; of the 25 cases, eight were reported in 2018, two in 2019, two in 2020, four in 2022 and nine in 2023

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Over the last five and a half years, at least 25 students have died by suicide after they were subjected to ragging, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has revealed.

In reply to a Right to Information (RTI) query filed by RTI activist Chandrashekhar Gaur, the UGC said that these complaints were registered with the central body between January 1, 2018 to August 1, 2023.

Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have reported four deaths each followed by Odisha with three deaths. Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana have reported two deaths each.

Of the four cases of suicide in T.N., three were reported from Chennai - two from the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras and one from Jayagovind Harigopal Agarwal Agarsen College. The fourth suicide was reported from the Government Medical College in Thoothukudi district.

> The UGC anti-ragging cell serves as a bridge between students and authorities. Complaints received are escalated for timely action
>
> **JAGADESH KUMAR**
> UGC Chairman

In Maharashtra, there were two incidents from IIT-Bombay and two each from Topiwala National Medical College and MGM Medical College.

Of the 25 cases, eight were reported in 2018, two in 2019, two in 2020, four in 2022 and nine in 2023.

UGC Chairman Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar told *The Hindu* that UGC maintains a dedicated 24x7 anti-ragging helpline for students. "The UGC anti-ragging cell serves as a bridge between the students and educational authorities. Reports and complaints received through the helpline are escalated to appropriate authorities for timely action," Mr. Kumar said.

Distress calls

Mr. Kumar said that UGC gets information from the helpline on the type of assistance requested by students, such as those related to distress calls. Mr. Kumar refrained from specifying the number but said, "We do get a large number of calls from across the country." UGC takes up cases when they are reported, he added.

Mr. Kumar said that it is very unfortunate that most cases are reported from engineering or medical colleges. "Universities must create avenues for students to talk freely about their feelings. Such students need support and should be encouraged to seek professional help at the university's counselling centre," he said.

"The issue of student suicides is a complex and multifaceted challenge. UGC regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions provide clear guidelines and mandates all institutions to prevent ragging and help students avoid taking extreme steps," he said.

Students, teachers, and parents must be educated about mental health, stress management, and identifying signs of distress.

Those in distress may contact Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health suicide prevention helpline 011-40769002.

Anti-suicide devices to be installed on ceiling fans

Press Trust of India
KOTA

Worried by a spate of suicides by hanging, the authorities in this coaching hub have taken a desperate measure - ordering hostels to install a spring device on ceiling fans to stop students from taking their lives.

Twenty students preparing for competitive exams in Kota have died by suicide so far this year, authorities say. Last year, the figure was 15.

The "anti-suicide measure" was discussed on August 12 at a meeting between Kota officials and other stakeholders. On Wednesday, Deputy Commissioner O.P. Bunkar issued the directions, demanding strict compliance.

This is how the device works: If an object weighing more than 20 kilos is hung from the fan, the spring attached to it expands, making it impossible for someone to commit suicide by this method. Simultaneously, a siren goes off.

However, experts are unsure how far a "suicide-proof" ceiling fan will help stressed students.

Badly affected: NDRF personnel and local residents undertaking a rescue operation in Shimla. PTI

Himachal Pradesh govt. declares incessant rain as State calamity

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Following the heavy loss of life and property caused by incessant rain that triggered landslips and floods, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday declared Himachal Pradesh as a 'Natural Calamity Affected Area'.

Torrential rain, floods and landslips killed around 330 people, with over 12,000 houses damaged. The State has suffered a loss of over ₹10,000 crore, he said. "Road connecting villages to highways, and national highways were damaged. Water and power supply schemes were badly hit. Agriculture and horticulture sectors too suffered huge losses," the Chief Minister said. He added that communication systems have also been adversely affected. As a precaution, people have been shifted to safer places.

Mr. Sukhu said the State government was working on a war footing to provide immediate relief to all those affected. He urged the Central government to provide assistance.

SC reserves order on whether children from invalid marriages can inherit ancestral property

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday reserved its judgment on whether children born out of invalid/void and voidable Hindu marriages can inherit their parents' ancestral property.

A void marriage is not enforceable in law or is unlawful.

A voidable marriage has to be declared a nullity through a decree.

Amended provision

The case, before a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, is focused on an amended provision in the Hindu Marriage Act, Section 16(3). This provision deals with the inheritance rights of children from void or voidable marriages.

The case was referred to a larger Bench in 2011 after a Division Bench of the top court refused to follow past precedents and championed the cause of children born out of illegitimate marriages.

"The birth of a child in such a relationship has to be viewed independently of the relationship of the parents. A child born in such a relationship is innocent and is entitled to all the rights which are given to other children born in valid marriage. This is the crux of the amendment in Section 16(3)," the Division Bench of Justices (retired) G.S. Singhvi and A.K. Ganguly had written in their 2011 judgment in the *Revanasidappa v Mallikarjun* case.

The Division Bench had held that such children would have a right to any property that belonged to their parents, whether they were self-acquired or ancestral.

The Bench had however clarified that the children's claims would be limited to the property of their parents and no other relation.

12-year-old reference

On Friday, hearing the 12-year-old reference, Chief Justice Chandrachud seemed to agree with the Division Bench's findings that children from void and voidable marriages had rights over the property, whether self-acquired or ancestral, of their parents.

But the Division Bench said the cardinal question was when exactly did an ancestral property become the property of a parent of such a child.

"But we are actually concerned about the acquisition of interest...when does an ancestral property become the property of the parents for the purpose of Section 16(3)?" the Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud asked.

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(set by Dr. X)

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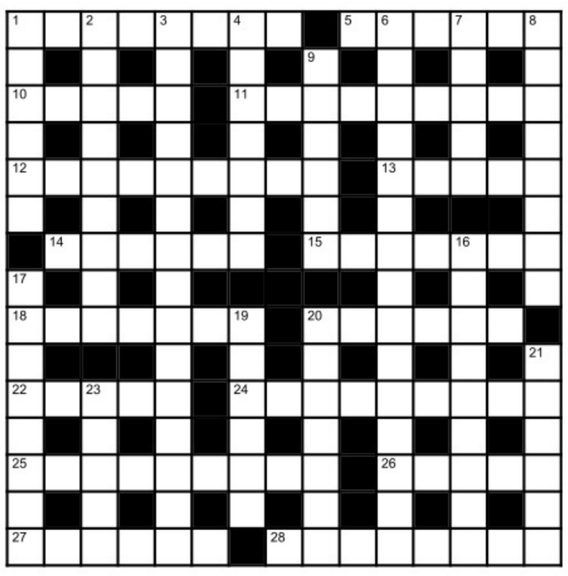

Across

1 Slice of lemon in fresh iced tea, exquisite (8)
5 Losing heart, cries and goes away (6)
10 Cutting skin, Dr. X reviewed bone (5)
11 Vague report about restricting nuclear capacity (9)
12 Important event in case with trace of opium found in store (9)
13 Right, head back east on river - message received and understood (5)
14 Dynamic on stage, no ordinary performers (6)
15 Crazy person with gun abducting boy after commotion (7)
18 Bag in small rustic chalet (7)
20 Fine run across North European country (6)
22 Scoundrel throttling sailor in African capital (5)
24 Feeling smitten, one nervously expresses love (9)
25 Member, miserable after cocaine withdrawal (5-4)
26 Recalled article about character making money in Africa (5)
27 On reflection, want to take physical education and strengthen (6)
28 Extremely nice fun, cuddling one girl in nightdress (8)

Down

1 Lady nails English fellow for slander (6)
2 Falsehood about maiden entertaining celebrity (9)
3 One's resources freely revealed by dummy (5,2,3,5)
4 Working outside is tiresome (7)
6 Hostile cheat thrashed for deceit finally in public (15)
7 Mocking chap in gaudy clothes (5)
8 Spanish miss wandering in a store (8)
9 Threaten rascal with ruin (6)
16 Guide controls most unpleasant European squabbling (9)
17 Old crafts returned with fish and crustacean (8)
19 Abrasion in sole, troublesome (6)
20 Intended to arrest nationalist in capital (7)
21 Calm a kid (2,4)
23 Wait to pick up a little ring for wife (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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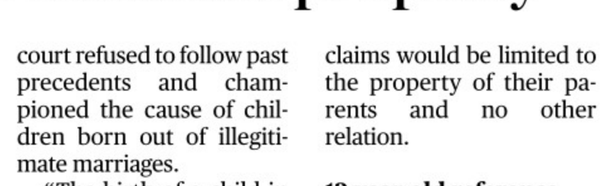

FAITH

Krishna's divine feet

Sri Vedantha Desika brings out the essentials of Vedanta in 56 simple Tamil verses, titled *Adhikara Sangraha*. Valayapettai Sri Ramachariar narrated the 51st verse in a discourse on the glory of the divine feet of Krishna.

When Krishna was an infant, Sakatasura, a ghost, came to kill Him. But Krishna kicked the asura with His legs and killed him. Krishna's feet firmly stood on the overturned base of a mortar as He stole butter from pots suspended by a net of ropes. Krishna came down to Vrindavan to slay evil. He walked as an emissary on behalf of the Pandavas. When Krishna's divine consort gently touched His feet at Paramapadha, His feet turned redder than lotus filaments. All pious people pray at His feet to be liberated from worldly bondage.

Krishna travelled from Sri Vaikunta to stay at Srirangam at the request of Brahma. He stood with his feet firmly planted in Arjuna's chariot to protect dharma. Kaaliya, the black snake, was crushed under the dance of Krishna's feet. King Parikshith, while in his mother's womb, was attacked by Aswathama. The king was brought back to life by Krishna's feet.

Sri Vedantha Desika concludes that Lord Ranganatha's feet had performed all these deeds, and says, 'I prostrate at these feet.'

INBRIEF

Audi unveils Q8 e-tron luxury EV in India at ₹1.14 crore

German luxury car maker Audi has introduced the new Audi Q8 e-tron in India with prices starting at ₹1.14 crore ex-showroom. It is offered in four variants viz. the Audi Q8 50 e-tron, Audi Q8 55 e-tron, Audi Q8 Sportback 50 e-tron and Audi Q8 Sportback 55 e-tron. Offered with a 114kW battery ('biggest in segment'), the Audi Q8 55 e-tron and Audi Q8 Sportback 55 e-tron boast of a driving range of up to 600km on a single charge (WLTP certified), the company said.

Reliance's financial unit to list on bourses on August 21

Jio Financial Services (JFSL), the demerged financial services unit of Reliance Industries, will be listed on bourses on August 21, as per an exchange filing. JFSL demerged from Reliance last month and is now listed under a dummy ticker after price discovery at ₹261.85 but there is no trading happening in the scrip. In a special price discovery session held on the record date, the pre-listing price came out to be ₹261.85 per share, valuing the firm at ₹1.66 lakh crore. PTI

Lupin buys 2 diabetes brands from Boehringer for €26 mn

Lupin Ltd. has acquired diabetes brands ONDERO and ONDERO MET from Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, including the trademark rights, for €26 million. Lupin has been marketing the brands since 2015 in India. "With the acquisitions, we continue to offer a wide portfolio of products to enable access to medication for patients, and consolidate our position as a market leader in the anti-diabetes segment," Lupin MD Nilesh Gupta said.

Signs of revival amid trade slump

Investment-related imports have picked up significantly even as merchandise exports have contracted for six successive months; Growth in core imports on a seasonally-adjusted basis has also allayed fears of a slowdown in domestic demand

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The gloomy merchandise trade numbers for July may hold some positive signs of resilience in domestic demand and revival in private investments, with imports of electronics rising and those of machinery hitting a record monthly high of $4.7 billion.

While the 15.9% decline in July's merchandise exports marked a sixth successive contraction, a deeper dive into the numbers reveal hopeful signs for the economy along with a few worrying shifts.

"After a temporary decline in June, investment-related imports picked up again, as reflected in a 14% and 8.4% on-year rise in the import of electrical and non-electrical machinery, and machine tools, respectively, in July," CRISIL noted in a report on Thursday.

The dip in exports as well as imports (down 17% in July) was largely fuelled by petroleum and gems and jewellery. Core (excluding oil and gold) exports and imports, fell by a much milder 5.7% and 7.5%, respectively.

"In fact, sequentially and on a seasonally adjusted basis, core imports registered positive growth, allaying some of the fears of a domestic demand slowdown," CRISIL noted.

Core exports also grew sequentially from June levels, CRISIL reckoned, though that trend is unlikely to be sustained as global growth is expected to be slower in the second half this year. Moreover, an expected slowdown in domestic growth in the second half of this fiscal would keep a check on India's imports, it said, indicating the trade deficit, which rose to $20.7 billion in July, may not be a cause for concern.

However, QuantEco Research economists noted that core deficit had widened to a 9-month high of $10.3 billion, from $6.8 billion in June.

Green shoots

While India struggles to boost exports, there are signs of resilience in local demand and revival in private investments

- India recorded a 14% and 8.4% year-over-year rise in the import of machinery and machine tools, respectively
- Core (excluding oil and gold) exports and imports fell by much less than the overall dip in foreign trade
- An expected slowdown in domestic growth in the second half of 2023 is expected to keep a check on India's imports

Moody's affirms India rating, flags Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Moody's Investors Service has reaffirmed India's rating as a long-term local and foreign-currency issuer at Baa3, with a stable outlook, on a view that the economy is likely to continue to grow rapidly by international standards despite potential growth slipping in the past seven to 10 years.

Moody's said it expects India's economic growth to outpace other G20 economies through at least the next two years, driven by domestic demand.

Though the rating agency views monetary and macro policy effectiveness as having strengthened, it flagged concerns about weakening institutions and rising political tensions, citing the eruption of unrest in Manipur that has led to at least 150 deaths.

"The curtailment of civil society and political dissent, compounded by rising sectarian tensions, support a weaker assessment of political risk and the quality of institutions," it said in a note on Friday.

Though elevated political polarisation was unlikely to destabilise government, rising "political tensions suggest an ongoing risk of populist policies... amid prevalence of social risks such as poverty and income inequality."

RBI tells lenders not to levy 'penal interest' on borrowers

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued fresh guidelines to banks, NBFCs and other lenders to ensure reasonableness and transparency in disclosure of penal interest.

This follows findings that many lenders were using penal rates of interest, over and above applicable interest rates, in case of defaults/non-compliance by the borrower with the terms of the credit facility.

"The intent of levying penal interest/charges is essentially to inculcate a sense of credit discipline and such charges are not meant to be used as a revenue enhancement tool over and above the contracted rate of interest," the RBI said in a circular.

'Divergent practices'

"However, supervisory reviews have indicated divergent practices among [lenders] with regard to levy of penal interest/charges leading to customer grievances and disputes," the central bank added.

As per the new directive, penalty if charged for non-compliance with material terms and conditions of loan contract by the borrower would be treated as 'penal charges' and shall not be levied in the form of 'penal interest' that is added to the rate of interest charged on the advances.

"There shall be no capitalisation of penal charges i.e., no further interest computed on such charges. However, this will not affect the normal procedures for compounding of interest in the loan account," the central bank said in the circular.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	64,949	-0.31
US Dollar	83.10	-0.01
Gold	59,250	-0.08
Brent oil	84.23	-0.26

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2577.40	97.70
Adani Ports	835.90	26.25
Apollo Hosp	4848.35	-44.40
Asian Paints	3163.55	-19.70
Axis Bank	943.05	6.50
Bajaj Auto	4615.55	-42.30
Bajaj Finserv	1460.15	-16.70
Bajaj Finance	6862.10	-61.15
Bharti Airtel	856.25	-0.45
BPCL	352.90	-4.05
Britannia Ind	4535.05	33.45
Cipla	1236.40	-4.60
Coal India	227.45	-4.85
Divis Lab	3654.90	0.15
Dr Reddys Lab	5874.45	-6.20
Eicher Motors	3349.60	51.15
Grasim Ind	1790.95	-9.90
HCL Tech	1173.70	-3.00
HDFC Bank	1590.75	-6.55
HDFC Life	625.95	-2.45
Hero MotoCorp	2927.05	-64.00
Hindalco	439.50	-8.10
Hind Unilever	2554.75	11.50
ICICI Bank	950.65	-1.00
IndusInd Bank	1371.70	-2.60
Infosys	1388.80	-22.75
ITC	441.65	0.65
JSW Steel	787.10	-2.65
Kotak Bank	1750.80	-14.90
L&T	2641.95	-10.55
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5085.15	-12.40
M&M	1552.65	-20.85
Maurti Suzuki	9456.05	80.75
NestleIndia	21830.00	162.55
NTPC	215.15	-0.60
ONGC	175.30	-2.45
PowerGrid Corp	241.00	-2.70
Reliance Ind	2556.80	18.80
SBI Life	1282.45	-2.00
State Bank	572.95	0.80
Sun Pharma	1134.90	-9.90
TataConsumerProduct	842.55	-1.70
Tata Motors	615.80	2.05
Tata Steel	115.80	-0.25
TCS	3367.10	-68.65
Tech Mahindra	1210.80	-20.95
Titan	3050.45	-21.30
UltraTech Cement	8214.85	7.50
UPL	578.45	-6.50
Wipro	411.70	-5.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 18

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.90	83.22
Euro	90.05	90.40
British Pound	105.31	105.72
Japanese Yen (100)	56.99	57.22
Chinese Yuan	11.37	11.41
Swiss Franc	94.11	94.48
Singapore Dollar	61.04	61.28
Canadian Dollar	61.15	61.39
Malaysian Ringitt	17.82	17.91
Australian Dollar	52.95	53.16

Source:Indian Bank

CUB eyeing co-lending for growth, says MD Kamakodi

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) is eyeing opportunities in co-lending such as housing and vehicle loans not only to be competitive but also to grow 12-14% in FY24.

"We have not gone into retail, services or NBFC lending in the past," said MD & CEO N. Kamakodi.

"Now, I think we have to get into those segments and also to take it to the double-digit growth rate for the current year, for which we have started making initiatives," he said during analysts call.

"The change is coming to a point that we also need to get into the bandwagon to take things forward."

PC market declined 15.3% in April-June

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India's PC market, inclusive of desktops, notebooks, and workstations, continued to struggle as it shipped 3.2 million units in the June quarter, indicating a decline for a fourth consecutive quarter, according to data released by International Data Corporation (IDC) on Friday.

Despite growing by 5.9% sequentially, the PC market declined by 15.3% year-over-year (YoY) in the April-June quarter, IDC said in its quarterly personal computing device tracker.

In fact, the June quarter witnessed a decline across all product categories. While the volume driver notebook category declined 18.5% YoY, the desktop category, which had been on a growth trajectory until the last quarter, also declined 7%. The consumer and commercial segments too were in the red, declining by 17% and 13.8% YoY, respectively, the research firm said.

The education and government segments continued to drive the PC market while the enterprise segment continued to struggle, it observed.

Mahindra to inspect over 1 lakh XUVs for 'wiring issue'

Reuters
BENGALURU

India's Mahindra and Mahindra said on Friday it would inspect 1,08,306 units of its XUV700 sports utility vehicle manufactured between June 8, 2021 and June 28, 2023 for a potential risk of damage to the wiring loom.

XUV is among SUVs such as Scorpio and Thar made by Mahindra, India's second-largest maker of such vehicles by volume.

Also, 3,560 units of XUV400 vehicles manufactured between February 16,2023 and June 5, 2023 will also be inspected for ineffective spring return action of the brake potentiometer, Mahindra added.

Godrej Security eyes BFSI to log ₹1,000-cr. in turnover in FY24

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Pushkar Gokhale

Godrej Security Solutions (GSS), a division of Godrej & Boyce, is eyeing banking, financial services, insurance, jewellers and homes to reach the ₹1,000-crore mark in turnover in FY24, said a top official.

"Last fiscal, we posted a turnover of ₹850 crore and this year, we are expecting a compound annual growth rate of 18% to touch ₹1,000 crore," Senior VP & Business Head, Pushkar Gokhale told the media.

GSS plans to introduce innovative products, add channel partners, improve after-sales service and boost exports to attain the target. Products are exported to more than 50 countries, accounting for 11% of the revenue. In two-three years, it is aiming at 15-16% of total revenue to touch ₹150-160 crore. The firm enjoys 60% market share in institutional space and 75% in home segment.

China Evergrande seeks U.S. court nod for $32 bn debt reset

Reuters
HONG KONG/NEW YORK

Embattled developer China Evergrande Group has filed for bankruptcy protection in a U.S. court as part of one of the world's biggest debt restructuring exercises, as anxiety grows over China's worsening property crisis and a weakening economy.

Once China's top-selling developer, Evergrande has become the poster child of the unprecedented debt crisis in the property sector, which accounts for about a quarter of the economy, after facing a liquidity crunch in mid-2021.

The developer has sought protection under Chapter 15 of the U.S. bankruptcy code, which shields non-U.S. companies that are undergoing restructurings from creditors that hope to sue them or tie up assets in the United States.

The filing is procedural in nature, but the world's most indebted property developer with more than $300 billion in liabilities has to do it as part of a restructuring process under U.S. law, two people familiar with the matter said.

Evergrande's offshore debt recast involves $31.7 billion including bonds and collaterals.

BEIJING

Xi to pay state visit to South Africa, attend BRICS summit next week

AP

Chinese President Xi Jinping will pay a state visit to South Africa next week and attend the BRICS summit in Johannesburg. Africa has emerged as a diplomatic battleground, with the West, Russia and China vying for influence amid heightened competition for minerals and international divisions due to the war in Ukraine. AFP

KABUL

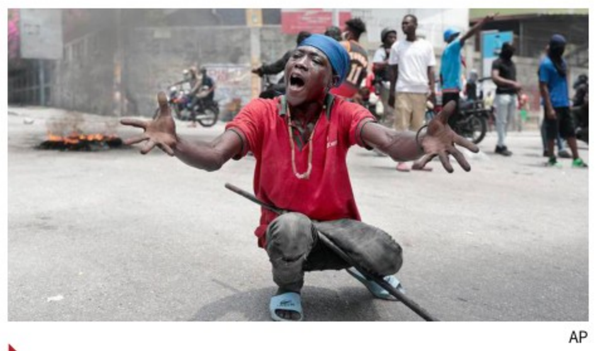
Taliban say women 'lose value' if faces are visible to men in public

AFP

Women "lose value" if men can see their uncovered faces in public, Molvi Mohammad Sadiq Akif, the spokesman for the Taliban regime's Ministry of Vice and Virtue said on Thursday. Religious scholars in the country agree that a woman must keep her face covered when outside the home, the Ministry said. AP

GENEVA

Over 2,400 killed in Haiti gang violence since January, says UN



AP

More than 2,400 people have been killed in Haiti since the start of 2023 amid rampant gang violence, including hundreds killed in lynchings by vigilante mobs, the UN said on Friday. The toll comes as gang violence in Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince this week left 30 residents dead and more than a dozen injured. AFP

TOKYO

Japan scrambles jets after Russian planes spotted off country's coasts

REUTERS

Japan scrambled fighter jets on Friday after Russian patrol aircraft were seen off the Sea of Japan and East China Sea, the country's Joint Staff said. Two planes flew along the coast between Japan's central and southern regions, passing through the Tsushima Strait and returning the same way, the Joint Staff said. AFP

Will not support 'forces of darkness', says Pakistan's caretaker PM Kakar

Anwaar ul Haq Kakar condemns attacks against Christians in the country; he says minorities will stay protected; 'extreme attitudes', including secular and religious ones, would be discouraged, curbed and controlled by the law

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar on Friday said the interim government would not support "the forces of darkness" in the society as he took strong exception to the unprecedented attack on minority Christians in the Muslim-majority country's Punjab province.

An enraged mob ransacked and torched 21 churches and 35 homes of Christians on Wednesday over blasphemy allegations in Jaranwala town of Faisalabad district, 130 km from Lahore.

"The minorities will stay protected in this country. There may be an attempt to harm them from a section of marginalised and peripheral groups of people, but that would be responded to sternly and strictly," Mr. Kakar said during his maiden federal Cabinet meeting.

"Pakistani state and society [do] not align with such elements. They may be from us but they are divorced from us, they are divorced from our identity process. We do not stand for the forces of darkness," he said.

"We would strongly discourage rigidity, be it any form in this society. We do not stand for the forces of darkness," Mr. Kakar stressed.

"Extreme attitudes" which he said included "secularism" and "religious" ones, would not only be "unwelcome, but would be discouraged. They would be curbed and controlled by the law," Mr. Kakar, who assumed office on August 12, said.

When one group is in the majority, they should ensure that the minority is protected. "But not on the basis that they would convert to your world view [...] their sustenance should be ensured," he was quoted as saying by Geo News.

Blow back: Activists and members of the Christian community protest against the attacks on churches, in Karachi on Friday. AFP

'No perpetual mandate'

Mr. Kakar, at the same time, also admitted that the interim government did not have a "perpetual mandate" to serve the nation but he will "try to support" new initiatives.

Mr. Kakar also noted that while Pakistan's economic challenges were considerable, the caretaker government would try to ensure financial discipline. He said the people of the country paid taxes so that the government could provide a secure environment for them.

Attacks on Pak. churches: two prime suspects held

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

The Pakistani Police have arrested two prime suspects involved in the attacks on 21 churches and nearly three dozen homes of the minority Christian community over blasphemy allegations, Punjab caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), he wrote that mosques across Punjab province will have Friday sermons focussing on the rights of minorities. He also congratulated the Punjab chief secretary and Inspector General of Police.

Russia says it destroyed Ukrainian drones targeting Moscow and Black Sea fleet

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russian forces destroyed Ukrainian drones targeting Moscow and its Black Sea fleet, officials said on Friday, the latest in a surge of attacks on the capital and the flashpoint waterway.

The drone assaults came as a Russian-proxy official confirmed speculation that Ukrainian forces had breached the left bank of the Dnipro river, the de facto frontline in the south of the country.

Russia's Defence Ministry said its air force downed a Ukrainian drone over the capital at about 04:00 (0630 IST) on Friday.

Moscow's Mayor said emergency services were on the scene, but that early reports indicated there were no casualties.

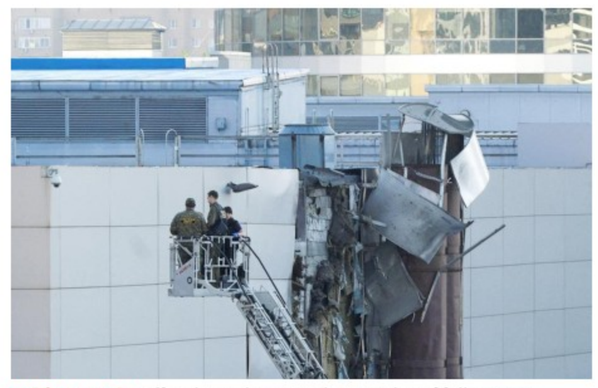
"The wreckage of the UAV fell in the area of the Expo Centre, and did not cause significant damage to the building," Sergei Sobyanin said on social media.

Russian news agencies reported that airspace near Vnukovo international airport was briefly closed, with departures and arrivals delayed.

The expo centre, on the Krasnopresnenskaya embankment of the Moskva River, hosts regular exhibitions and trade shows.

Hours before the strike on Moscow, Russia thwarted a Ukrainian marine drone attack on its warships in the Black Sea, the latest in a string of assaults on its fleet.

Russia's Defence Ministry said the drone was destroyed late on Thursday by patrol ships, 237 km southwest of Sevastopol – the base of its Black Sea Fleet on the Moscow-annexed Crimean peninsula.



Taking stock: Officials work near a damaged roof following a reported Ukrainian drone shot down in Moscow on Friday. REUTERS

Ex-Austrian leader charged for graft

Agence France-Presse
VIENNA

Austrian prosecutors said on Friday they have charged former Chancellor Sebastian Kurz with giving false testimony.

Mr. Kurz – once hailed as a "wunderkind" of Europe's conservatives – stepped down as Chancellor in 2021 following a string of graft accusations, including spending public money for favourable media coverage.

Prosecutors said they have charged Mr. Kurz and two other persons with providing false testimony to a parliamentary committee probing numerous graft allegations.

The trial has been set for October 18 and is expected to last three days, the Vienna criminal court said.

British nurse found guilty of murdering seven babies and trying to kill six others

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

A British nurse was found guilty on Friday of murdering seven newborns and trying to kill six others at the hospital neonatal unit where she worked, becoming the U.K.'s most prolific child killer.

Lucy Letby, 33, had been on trial since October last year, accused of injecting her sick or premature young victims with air, overfeeding with milk and poisoning them with insulin.

'Justice served'

The victims' families said in a joint statement read outside Manchester Crown Court in northern England that they had been "quite simply stunned" by what had happened. "Justice has been served," they added but they cautioned: "This justice will not take away from the extreme hurt, anger and distress we have all had.".

The jury deliberated for 22 days, returning their first guilty decisions on August 8, which could not be reported because of a court order.

They eventually acquitted her of two counts, and could not reach decisions on six others. Prosecutors have asked for 28 days to consider whether to seek a retrial. Letby will be sentenced on Monday and will not attend court to hear her fate but she faces the prospect of never being released from prison.

Iran Minister meets Saudi Crown Prince

Agence France-Presse
JEDDAH

Iran's Foreign Minister met Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince on Friday during his first visit since the West Asian rivals announced a surprise rapprochement, officials said.

Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, who travelled to Riyadh on Thursday, held talks with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Jeddah, the Saudi Foreign Ministry announced, after extending what had been scheduled to be a one-day visit.

Iran's official IRNA news agency said it was the first time a senior Iranian official had met with Prince Mohammed, 37, who has ushered in a series of reforms in the conservative kingdom.

Sport

Shining star: Chirmako scored a brace for India. X@THEHOCKEYINDIA

Indian junior men outclass Spain

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
DUSSELDORF (GERMANY)

The Indian junior men's hockey team began its campaign at the four-Nations Tournament with a thrilling 6-2 come-from-behind win over Spain here on Friday.

Rohit (28th, 45th minutes) and Sudeep Chirmako (35th, 58th) got a brace each, while Amandeep Lakra (25th), and Boby Singh Dhami (53th) were the other goal-scorers for India.

Nicolas Alvarez (first) and Guiu Corominas (23th) were on target for Spain.

India will next play host Germany on Saturday.

Lord Moi clinches the Holding Court Stakes

RACING

BENGALURU: James Mckeown trained Lord Moi (C. Umesh up) won the Holding Court Stakes (Div. I), the main event of the races held here on Friday (Aug 18). The winner is owned by Dr. M.A.M.R. Muthiah rep. M/s. GMMSR Advisory Services LLP.

THE RESULTS

1. BETWAY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY STAKES: ALTAMONTE (Vivek) 1, Sekhmet (Arvind K) 2, Treasure Chest (Inayat) 3 and Double Vision (P. Siddaraju) 4. Shd, 1-1/2 and 1. 1m 26.74s. Rs. 106 (w), 24, 14 and 17 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 60, FP: 532, Q: 172, Trinella: 1,436, Exacta: 6,478. Favourite: Contador.
Owner and trainer: Mr. S. Inayathulla.

2. SHA TIN STAKES (DIV. II): SUPER RUFFIAN (Inayat) 1, Star Azeem (G. Vivek) 2, Southern Force (Akshay K) 3 and My Solitaire (Rayan) 4. 4-1/2, Shd and 1-1/2. 1m 12.59s. Rs. 51 (w), 16, 18 and 16 (p), SHP: 65, THP: 43, FP: 448, Q: 180, Trinella: 1,190, Exacta: 13,108. Favourite: Oxytocin.
Owner: Mr. Gamini Jayaratne. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

3. BARALOY STAKES: ANTILOPE (B. Dharshan) 1, Peluche (S. John) 2, Striking Memory (Inayat) 3 and Four Wheel Drive (Antony) 4. Nose, 1-3/4 and Snk. 1m 39.40s. Rs. 78 (w), 19, 16 and 15 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 39, FP: 303, Q: 139, Trinella: 1,865, Exacta: 12,864. Favourite: Southern Power.
Owner: Dr. G. Ravi Shankar. Trainer: M. Rajendra Singh.

4. HOLDING COURT STAKES (DIV. II): BURMESE (Trevor) 1, Pharazon (C. Umesh) 2, Truth In Wine (Hindu S) 3 and Avicena (Antony) 4. 1/2, 1-3/4 and 12-1/4. 1m 24.95s. Rs. 24 (w), 12, 13 and 13 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 35, FP: 58, Q: 31, Trinella: 139, Exacta: 417. Favourite: Burmese.
Owners: M/s. Blazing Saddles (PF), Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal & So Blest Trading Co Pvt Ltd. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.

5. AUGUST STAKES (DIV. II): ALDGATE (S. John) 1, Forty Niner (Akshay K) 2, Groovin (Trevor) 3 and Devils Magic (Inayat) 4. 1-3/4, 5-3/4 and 3/4. 1m 11.65s. Rs. 48 (w), 17, 12 and 11 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 46, FP: 159, Q: 74, Trinella: 191, Exacta: 775. Favourite: Groovin.
Owners: Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. Rajan Aggarwal & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

6. HOLDING COURT STAKES (DIV. I): LORD MOI (C. Umesh) 1, River Of Gold (Akshay K) 2, Red Falcon (S. Saqlain) 3 and Super Stride (Hindu S) 4. 1-3/4, Lnk and 5-1/2. 1m 24.86s. Rs. 129 (w), 27, 15 and 14 (p), SHP: 43, THP: 57, FP: 1,306, Q: 439, Trinella: 2,566, Exacta: 38,064. Favourite: Red Falcon.
Owner: Dr. M.A.M.R. Muthiah rep. M/s. GMMSR Advisory Services LLP. Trainer: James Mckeown.

7. AUGUST STAKES (DIV. I): ENGLISH BAY (Trevor) 1, Archway (Antony) 2, Montelena (S. Saqlain) 3 and Eternal Princess (Vinod Shinde) 4. 1, 1-3/4 and Snk. 1m 12.32s. Rs. 30 (w), 14, 17 and 28 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 76, FP: 160, Q: 74, Trinella: 1,868, Exacta: 6,344. Favourite: Always Happy.
Owner: Mr. M. Venkatesh. Trainer: S. Dominic.

8. SHA TIN STAKES (DIV. I): AIR DISPLAY (Inayat) 1, Wish Again (Indrajeet S) 2, Solo Prince (Arvind K) 3 and Empire Of Dreams (G. Vivek) 4. Not run: The Golden Dream. 1, 1-1/4 and 1-1/2. 1m 12.96s. Rs. 96 (w), 22, 14 and 16 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 48, FP: 421, Q: 170, Trinella: 2,336, Exacta: 7,325. Favourite: Wish Again.
Owner and trainer: Mr. S. Inayathulla.
Jackpot: ₹83,507 (carried over); Runner-up: 2,385 (15 tkts).
Treble (i): 1,236 (six tkts); (ii): 7,932 (two tkts).

Shamrock expected to score in the Leading Stud Trophy

BENGALURU: Shamrock, who has been well-prepared, is expected to score in the Leading Stud Trophy (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday. False rails (width about 2m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 BETWAY WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-over, 1.30 p.m.: 1. Emeraldo (5) Arvind K 62.5, 2. Air Blast (2) Likith Appu 61.5, 3. Dawn Rising (7) Rayan 61.5, 4. Chiraag (1) Inayat 61, 5. Ultimate Chance (9) G. Vivek 61, 6. Mega Success (4) Vivek 60, 7. Akasi (3) Chethan K 59, 8. Elite Agent (8) Angad 58.5 and 9. Max Mueller (6) Shreyas S 56.
1. CHIRAAG, 2. EMERALDO, 3. ULTIMATE CHANCE

2 RACING OFFICIALS TROPHY (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2.00: 1. Caesars Palace (6) S. Shareef 60, 2. Super Sapphire (2) Yash 57, 3. Cat Whiskers (5) G. Vivek 56.5, 4. Breeze Bluster (11) Akshay K 54, 5. Phoebe (4) Inayat 54, 6. Samachar (1) Likith Appu 54, 7. Crimson Star (10) Salman Khan 53.5, 8. Estefania (9) Antony 53.5, 9. Kallania (3) R. Pradeep 53.5, 10. Striking Eyes (7) Vinod Shinde 53 and 11. Superhero (8) Shreyas S 52.
1. BREEZE BLUSTER, 2. CAT WHISKERS, 3. SUPER SAPPHIRE

3 SAYONARA STAKES (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 2.30: 1. Millbrook (8) S. John 61, 2. Southern Dynasty (1) Inayat 60, 3. Chinky Pinky (2) R. Pradeep 54, 4. Sacred Creator (7) Angad 54, 5. Burst Of Blaze (6) B. Nayak 53.5, 6. The Strikingly (4) P. Sai Kumar 53.5, 7. Mighty Swallow (3) Arvind S 53 and 8. First Royalist (5) P. Surya 50.5.
1. MILLBROOK, 2. THE STRIKINGLY, 3. MIGHTY SWALLOW

4 CHAMPION TRAINER TROPHY (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3.00: 1. Fearless Joey (2) M. Prabhakaran 56, 2. High Tribute (7) Hindu S 56, 3. Imperial Gesture (4) Akshay K 56, 4. Sian (5) J.H. Arul 56, 5. Stravinsky (6) Trevor 56, 6. Norwegian Wood (1) Antony 54.5, 7. Regal Aristocracy (3) Neeraj 54.5 and 8. Sensations (8) C. Umesh 54.5.
1. IMPERIAL GESTURE, 2. STRAVINSKY, 3. SIAN

5 LEADING OWNER TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 6-y-o & over, 3.30: 1. Michigan Melody (1) S. John 62, 2. Smithsonian (4) Likith Appu 59, 3. Anakin (6) Vivek 56, 4. Golden Time (2) Inayat 55.5, 5. Skyfire (3) P. Surya 55.5, 6. Ultimate Striker (5) G. Vivek 52.5, 7. Chisox (7) Shreyas S 50 and 8. Chul Bul Rani (8) S. Shareef 50.
1. MICHIGAN MELODY, 2. GOLDEN TIME, 3. SKYFIRE

6 CHAMPION JOCKEY TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 4.00: 1. Lord Frankel (2) S. John 60.5, 2. Balor (3) Inayat 60, 3. Victoria Punch (7) Antony 60, 4. Nikolina (5) Akshay K 58.5, 5. Measure Of Time (6) Rayan 55.5, 6. Wild Emperor (4) Trevor 55.5, 7. Top Dancer (1) Hindu S 53 and 8. Stellar Gold (8) G. Vivek 52.5.
1. TOP DANCER, 2. NIKOLINA, 3. WILD EMPEROR

7 LEADING STUD TROPHY (1,400m), rated 70 & above, 4.30: 1. Yukan (9) Trevor 60, 2. Sea Lion (8) J.H. Arul 59.5, 3. Shamrock (6) Yash 59.5, 4. Slainte (3) C. Umesh 55, 5. Last Wish (5) Antony 53.5, 6. Forever Together (2) P. Tejeshwar 53, 7. Prince Abir (7) Shreyas S 53, 8. Knight In Hooves (4) Vinod Shinde 52.5 and 9. Peyo (1) Salman Khan 51.5.
1. SHAMROCK, 2. YUKAN, 3. SEA LION

8 RACING OFFICIALS TROPHY (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5.00: 1. Roman Spirit (8) Inayat 60.5, 2. Capriati (1) S. John 60, 3. Bold Act (3) M. Prabhakaran 59, 4. Ooh La La (4) Arvind K 58, 5. Slice Of Heaven (9) P. Surya 57, 6. Asagiri (2) Yash 55.5, 7. My Visionary (10) Rayan 54, 8. The Gallery Time (5) P. Sai Kumar 54, 9. Diamond Hooves (6) G. Vivek 53.5 and 10. Debonair (7) Tousif 52.5.
1. ROMAN SPIRIT, 2. OOH LA LA, 3. ASAGIRI

Day's best: **SHAMROCK**
Double: **IMPERIAL GESTURE - TOP DANCER**
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

IN THE HUNT AGAIN

I was not really nervous but very happy to be back, says Bumrah

India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, who grabbed the Player-of-the-Match award on his international return, said he was not nervous and never felt he "missed out a lot". "I was not really nervous but very happy to be back," said Bumrah. "When you're captaining, you are thinking more about the whole team".

BATTING FOR TALENT

Shastri and Patil back Tilak's inclusion in ODI WC squad

Former stars Ravi Shastri and Sandeep Patil on Friday batted for the inclusion of Tilak Varma in India's middle-order for the ICC ODI World Cup. Shastri said the 20-year-old is at an advantageous position because he is a left-hander. "100% (India should hand ODI debut to Tilak) I will go with Tilak and Suryakumar," Patil said.

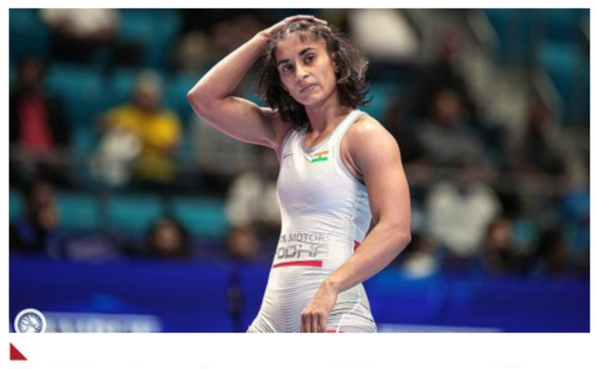
LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Southee's five-for gives the Kiwis a narrow win over UAE

Tim Southee (five for 25) bowled New Zealand to a 19-run win over UAE in a T20I on Thursday. UAE, chasing 156, collapsed after opener Aryansh Sharma was out for a game-high 60 in the 15th over.
The scores: New Zealand 155/6 in 20 overs (Seifert 55, Siddique 2/35) bt UAE 136 in 19.4 overs (Aryansh 60, Southee 5/25).

KEEN TO BOUNCE BACK

Vinesh Phogat thanks doctors after successful knee surgery



Vinesh Phogat has undergone successful knee surgery, which caused her to pull out of the upcoming Asian Games. She took to *X* to express her gratitude towards her doctors. "Today I look at you as not just my doctor, but someone I look up to for life-advice. I thank you sir. I'm sure we will bounce back stronger than before."

Bumrah, Prasidh back with a bang; India draws first blood

The skipper makes a remarkable comeback, taking two wickets in the first over of the game; the Karnataka pacer, too, bowls impressively as the Men in Blue restrict Ireland to 139; the visitors ahead by two runs when rain ends play

INDIA IN IRELAND

Press Trust of India
DUBLIN

India was 47 for two in 6.5 overs, ahead of Ireland by two runs in the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) par score, when rain ended play in the opening T20I of the three-match series here on Friday.

Chasing 140, India was off to a fluent start with Yashasvi Jaiswal (24, 23b, 3x4, 1x6) and Ruturaj Gaikwad (19 n.o., 1x4, 1x6) putting on 46 in 6.2 overs. But Craig Young came up with a double blow, removing the left-handed duo of Jaiswal and Tilak Varma who was out for a golden duck.

India vice-captain Ruturaj, however, showed maturity and battled through the tricky phase, well aware that the Men in Blue were in front by two runs in the par score. A downpour then sent the players off the field and they never returned.

Earlier, pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and Prasidh Krishna shone bright on their return but Barry McCarthy's unbeaten fifty took Ireland to a competitive 139 for seven after the visitors opted to field.

Bumrah, who spent 11 months away from the game due to a lower-back stress fracture, picked up two for 24, while Prasidh, who also was nursing a lower-back injury, scalped two for 32. Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi (two for 23) and left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh (one for 35) were also among the wickets after Bumrah opted to field.

Things looked bleak for the hosts after they slipped to 59 for six in the 11th over, but a seventh-wicket 57-run partnership between Curtis Campher (39) and McCarthy helped Ireland stage a recovery.

McCarthy was the stand-out batter for Ireland as he reached his maiden half-century with a last-ball six off Arshdeep. His innings contained four boundaries and as many sixes.

Sensational return: Bumrah made his presence felt as soon as he began his spell. X@BCCI

SCOREBOARD

IRELAND
Andy Balbirnie b Bumrah 4 *(2b, 1x4)*, Paul Stirling b Bishnoi 11 *(11b, 1x4)*, Lorcan Tucker c Samson b Bumrah 0 *(3b)*, Harry Tector c Tilak b Prasidh 9 *(16b, 1x4)*, Curtis Campher b Arshdeep 39 *(33b, 3x4, 1x6)*, George Dockrell c Ruturaj b Prasidh 1 *(3b)*, Mark Adair lbw b Bishnoi 16 *(16b, 2x4)*, Barry McCarthy (not out) 51 *(33b, 4x4, 4x6)*, Craig Young (not out) 1 *(4b)*; Extras (w-6, nb-1): 7; Total (for seven wkts. in 20 overs): 139.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-4 (Balbirnie, 0.2 overs), 2-4 (Tucker, 0.5), 3-27 (Tector, 4.6), 4-27 (Stirling, 5.2), 5-31 (Dockrell, 6.3), 6-59 (Adair, 10.3), 7-116 (Campher, 17.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 4-0-24-2, Arshdeep 4-0-35-1, Prasidh 4-0-32-2, Bishnoi 4-0-23-2, Dube 1-0-6-0, Washington 3-0-19-0.

INDIA
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Stirling b Young 24 *(23b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Ruturaj Gaikwad (not out) 19 *(16b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Tilak Varma c Tucker b Young 0 *(1b)*, Sanju Samson (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-2): 3; Total (for two wkts. in 6.5 overs): 47.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-46 (Jaiswal, 6.2), 2-46 (Tilak, 6.3).

IRELAND BOWLING
Adair 1-0-10-0, Little 3-0-20-0, McCarthy 2-0-14-0, Young 0.5-0-2-2.

Toss: India; **PoM:** Bumrah.
India won by two runs by DLS method to take a 1-0 lead in three-match series.
Second T20I: August 20, 7.30 p.m. IST.

Neeraj India's spearhead; a few others also eye medals

WORLD ATHLETICS

Jonathan Selvaraj
BUDAPEST

Led by Neeraj Chopra, Indian athletes head to the 2023 Athletics World Championships with hopes of winning multiple medals, backed by vital experience and improved form.

While Olympic champion and 2022 World silver medallist Neeraj Chopra is certainly the standard bearer of the Indian contingent in the World Championships in Budapest, it's clear that the rest of the 28-member strong squad isn't there to just make up the numbers and will look to improve on the solitary medal it won in last year's edition in Eugene.

A year ago, all of India's hopes would have rested on Neeraj's shoulders, who is unbeaten this year and is third in the season's top lists with his throw of 88.67m in the Diamond League in Doha. This year, there's hope that the weight of expectations can be more fairly spread out in the Indian contingent following a generally smooth preparatory cycle.

Take for instance Avinash Sable, who, despite breaking the national record multiple times, finished 11th in the 3000m steeplechase final event at Eugene. Since then, he has shrugged off that disappointment with a silver in the Commonwealth Games last year, setting a new national record of 8:11.20s. He followed this up with an almost identical time of 8:11.63s in the Silesia Diamond League this July.

Great run: Neeraj is unbeaten this year and will look to maintain the record. AFP

With a jump of 8.36m, long jumper M. Sreeshankar had the world's third-best jump of 2022, while Jeswin Aldrin had a wind-assisted jump that was 1cm more than that. But, at his first Worlds, Aldrin exited in the qualification round while Sreeshankar made his way to the final, only to finish seventh.

While there were naysayers who criticised the Indian performance, Sreeshankar feels that this wasn't an unexpected result. "It's very difficult for us to just go, debut in the World Championships, and win a medal. We must get more experience in the global circuit to be competitive among them. When Wang [Jianan] won the long jump gold at the World Championships with 8.36m, no one realised that from 2015 to 2022, he had been in every World Championships final and Olympic Games final. That kind of experience makes a big difference."

But the 23-year-old has taken those lessons to heart. If he felt like a newbie in Eugene, he is a veteran in the European circuit now. He took part in his first Diamond League in Monaco following last year's World Championships and has competed in another two – in Paris and Lausanne – this year.

He has been very consistent and is heading to Budapest on the back of a massive 8.37m jump that won him a silver at the Asian Championships.

Aldrin is now the world leader this season with a jump of 8.42m and jumped 8.22m to put himself in the mix of potential medal winners in Budapest. Sable, too, has seen improvement as a runner after a training stint at Colorado with Simmons and other endurance athletes.

Surfing is beneficial both physically and emotionally: Rhodes

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Former South African cricketer Jonty Rhodes hailed the growth of surfing as a sport in the country while speaking at the sidelines of the Tamil Nadu International Surf Open – a World Surfing League QS 3000 event – being held in Mahabalipuram.

Arun Vasu, president, Surfing Federation of India, said, "The WSL is like the ATP Tour in tennis. We have 16 men and five women from India participating in the event. We conducted a series of events in Mangaluru, Puducherry, Mahabalipuram and Covelong and the top three were given wildcards for the WSL event."

Rhodes has been at the forefront of promoting surfing in the country and said: "Ten years ago, when we started the Covelong Surf and Music Festival, there was not much idea about it. But now you have so many surfing schools, and the juniors coming through are quite competent. To have a WSL event is a great effort. It can also help boost tourism."

Rhodes. FILE PHOTO

Making a case for surfing to improve wellness, Rhodes explained, "There are physical and emotional benefits. It is a great way to improve your flexibility, build a strong core and a great cardio exercise."

Commenting on the upcoming 50-over World Cup, the 53-year-old said, "I think with so many players in the IPL, the conditions here are not so foreign for teams like Australia, England or South Africa. Any team on its day could do well."

SNAPSHOTS

Four Indian compound archers qualify for WC Finals in Hermosillo
India's recurve and compound archers exited before reaching the medal rounds in the World Cup Stage-4 in Paris on Friday. Meanwhile, four compound archers – World champion Aditi Swami, V. Jyothi Surekha, Prathamesh Jawkar and Abhishek Verma – have qualified for the World Cup Finals to be held in Hermosillo, Mexico, on Sept. 9 and 10.

Indian basketballers go down to Bahrain
The Indian men's basketball team concluded its FIBA Olympic pre-qualifying tournament Asia 2023 campaign with a 66-79 defeat to Bahrain in Damascus (Syria) on Thursday.
Sahaij Sekhon scored 17 points and made four assists and two steals for India. Muzamil Ameer Hamooda (24 points) and Mustafa Rashed (14 points) were the top two attackers from Bahrain. This was India's third loss after winning the first two matches. The Indians are third in the six-team table.

Eyeing an upset: Praggnanandhaa could pose a serious challenge to rating favourite Caruana in their semifinal. FIDE

Chess world looking at Pragg for more thrills

Rakesh Rao

The way R. Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi fought tooth-and-nail on Thursday for the last semi-final spot of the FIDE World Cup truly epitomised the spirit of the present generation of Indian players.

Praggnanandhaa is seen as a serious challenger to rating favourite Fabiano Caruana when the two clash on Saturday for a place in the final at Baku. Top seed Magnus Carlsen will play home-favourite and Azerbaijan's surprise packet Nijat Abasov. Concurrently, the women's title-clash will involve second seed Russian Aleksandra Goryachkina playing Bulgarian Nurgyul Salimova.

Without doubt, all eyes will be on the Caruana-Praggnanandhaa encounter. Though Caruana leads Praggnanandhaa 1-0 in their head-to-head clash after two classical games so far, the World No. 2 has every reason to take the Indian very seriously.

Caruana is not known to be happy playing in shorter time-controls. As a result, it will be fair to assume Caruana could go flat out in the two classical games to close out the contest. Praggnanandhaa will be happy to hold him at 1-1 to take the contest into the tie-breaker games.

Dutee reveals she had level-1 cancer, was advised to quit

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Sprinter Dutee Chand experienced the shock of her life when she was diagnosed with a level-1 cancer and asked to quit athletics in Nov. 2021.

"I felt very scary, nervous and thinking about what had happened to my life," said Dutee from Bhubaneswar. "While competing in the National inter-State championships before the Tokyo Olympics (2021), I felt a lot of pain in the groin area. I consulted some doctors but the pain did not go. I went to the Olympics (July-August, 2021) and could not do well there," she said.

In a major development on Friday, Dutee got ready to challenge the four-year ban imposed by the National Anti-Doping Agency for failing two out-of-competition tests for a banned substance. The 27-year-old was on Thursday served the ban after two samples taken in December last year were found to contain "other anabolic agents/SARMS". The samples were taken on Dec. 5 and 26, and Dutee's ban will be effective from Jan. 3.

Dutee Chand. FILE PHOTO

"We are in the process of filing an appeal. We are hopeful that we will be able to convince the appeal panel," said Parth Goswami, Dutee's counsel on Friday.

Antim and Savita clinch gold in World u-20 wrestling

Sports Bureau

Antim Panghal (53kg) secured her second consecutive gold and World under-17 champion Savita Dalal (62kg) won a second World title within two weeks as Indian women gathered two gold, a silver and two bronze medals in the World under-20 wrestling in Amman on Friday.

Antim beat Ukraine's Mariia Yefremova 4-0 in the final to defend her title.

Savita, who won the World under-17 crown in Istanbul earlier this month, outclassed Venezuela's Astrid Paola Montero Chirinos 10-0 by technical superiority with 2:40 minutes to spare.

Another Antim, an Asian junior silver medallist of 2022, was beaten 9-2 by Hungarian Eniko Elekes in the 65kg final. Reena (57kg) and Harshita (72kg) took bronze medals.

INBRIEF

Gokulam qualifies after Blasters hold Bengaluru

Defending champion Bengaluru FC was held to a 2-2 draw by a 10-man Kerala Blasters in the clash between two southern giants in a Group C league match of the 132nd Durand Cup tournament in Kolkata on Friday. The result helped Gokulam Kerala become the group topper (six points in two games) and qualify for the last-eight stage. Justine Emmanuel and Mohammad Aimen were on target for Blasters while Edmund Lalrindika and Ashish Jha scored for BFC.

The results: Group C (Kolkata): Kerala Blasters 2 (Emmanuel 14, Aimen 84) drew with Bengaluru FC 2 (Lalrindika 38, Jha 52).
Group E (Guwahati): Delhi FC 1 (Gassama 54) lost to Chennaiyin FC 2 (Crivellaro 38, Barretto 51).

LIVE TELECAST

Maharaja Trophy T20: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 1 & 5.30 p.m.
Football: Women's World Cup: FanCode, 1.30 p.m.
Durand Cup: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 & 4.45 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.

Esha and Shiva clinch mixed air pistol gold

The Indian pair beats Tarhan and Dikec of Turkey in the match for the yellow metal; the other mixed team of Divya and Sarabjot placed 22nd

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Esha Singh and Shiva Narwal won the mixed air pistol gold to put India second on the medals table in the World Championship in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Friday.

The Indian pair beat Sevval Tarhan and Yusuf Dikec of Turkey 16-10 in the match for the gold medal. Earlier, Esha and Shiva had topped the qualification with 583 out of 600 in a strong field of 65 teams.

It was the second medal for Shiva, following the team bronze earlier.

The other Indian mixed team of T.S. Divya and Sarabjot Singh placed 22nd with 574.

In mixed air rifle, Mehuli Ghosh and Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar placed ninth with a score of 630.2 They were 1.2 point away from qualifying for the medal match.

All smiles: Esha and Shiva proudly display their medals. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

China won the mixed air rifle gold defeating Iran 16-2. Overall, the Chinese were on top of the medals table with five gold and two bronze.

The last round of men's qualification and the final for the top-six will be held on Saturday.

The results: 10m air pistol mixed team: 1. India (Esha Singh, Shiva Narwal) 16 (583); 2. Turkey (Sevval Tarhan, Yusuf Dikec) 10 (581); 3. China (Jiang Ranxin, Zhang Bowen) 17 (580); 4. Iran (Haniyeh Rostamiyan, Sajjad Lafmejani) 7 (580); 22. India-1 (T.S. Divya, Sarabjot Singh) 574.

10m air rifle mixed team: 1. China 16 (632.7); 2. Iran 2 (632.5); 3. France 17 (631.4); 4. Israel 9 (631.4); 9. India-2 (Mehuli Ghosh, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar) 630.2; 17. India-1 (Ramita Jindal, Divyansh Singh Panwar) 628.3.

Mysuru Warriors end the Lions' unbeaten streak

MAHARAJA TROPHY

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Mysuru Warriors won its second game of the tournament and ended the unbeaten streak of Shivamogga Lions in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 here on Friday.

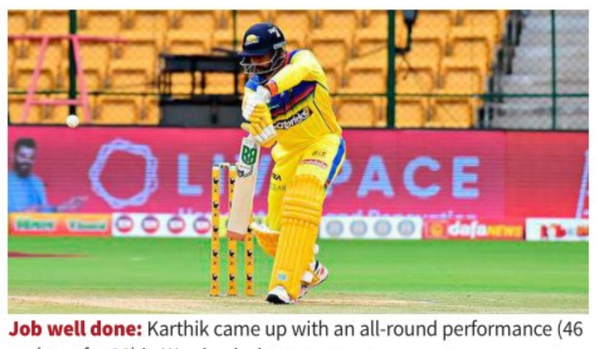
Contributions from C.A. Karthik (46 and two for 28), M. Venkatesh (three for 18) and Karun Nair (60) helped Mysuru defeat Shivamogga by 12 runs.

Opener Karthik and skipper Karun struck nine fours and two sixes to take the side to 60 for one at the end of the PowerPlay.

The duo stitched together a partnership of 90 runs off 48 deliveries before Karthik was caught at long off while attempting to loft left-arm spinner Pranav Bhatia.

Manoj Bhandage scored a quick 11-ball 29 to take Mysuru to 190 for nine in 20 overs.

Chasing 191 for victory, Shivamogga opener Rohan Kadam (31) and Rohan Naveen (28) took the side to 50 for two at the end of six overs.



Job well done: Karthik came up with an all-round performance (46 and two for 28) in Warriors' win. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Pacer Venkatesh returned to the attack to send back Kadam.

Skipper Shreyas Gopal (25) and Abhinav Manohar (26) looked good before the former was bowled by Monish Reddy in the 16th over. A cameo from S. Shivraj (29 n.o.) came a little too late.

In another outing, K.V. Siddharth (100 n.o., 64b, 9x4, 4x6) powered Mangalore Dragons to a 23-run win over Bengaluru Blasters.

Siddharth's knock, with support from B.U. Shivakumar (40) and Aniruddha Joshi (31), helped Mangalore post an imposing 194 for three.

In reply, Bengaluru could only manage 171 for eight. Mangalore medium-pacer Aditya Gopal bagged three wickets.

The scores:
Mysuru Warriors 190/9 in 20 overs (Karun Nair 60, C.A. Karthik 46, Manoj Bhandage 29) bt Shivamogga Lions 178/9 in 20 overs (Rohan Kadam 31, S. Shivraj 29 n.o., Rohan Naveen, M. Venkatesh 3/18).
Mangalore Dragons 194/3 in 20 overs (K.V. Siddharth 100 n.o., B.U. Shivakumar 40, Aniruddha Joshi 31) bt Bengaluru Blasters 171/8 in 20 overs (D. Nischal 61, Shubhang Hegde 45, Suraj Ahuja 32, Aditya Goyal 3/35).

SPORTSDIGEST

Hashika and Tanishi set new records on the third day

Karnataka's Hashika Ramachandra and Tanishi Gupta created new meet records on the third day of the 39th sub-junior and 49th junior National aquatic Championships at Bhubaneswar on Friday. Hashika rewrote B. Shakthi's record in 400m individual medley for group I girls, clocking 5:08.50s. Tanishi came home in 1:02.21s to set a new national best in 100m butterfly for group II girls.
Select results (winners all):
Boys: Group I: **50m backstroke:** Akash Mani (Kar) 27.10s. **Group II: 100m freestyle:** Ishaan Mehra (Kar) 54.85. **50m backstroke:** Ishaan Mehera (Kar) 28.45.
Girls: Group I: 400m IM: Hashika Ramachandra (Kar) 5:08.50 (NMR; OR: 5:11.77, B. Shakthi, 2022). **50m backstroke:** Ridhima Veerendrakumar (Kar) 30.08; **Group II: 50m backstroke:** Naisha (Kar) 32.03. **400m freestyle:** Thanya Shadakshari (Kar) 5:25.04. **100m butterfly:** Tanishi Gupta (Kar) 1:02.21 (NMR; OR: 1:05.51, Hashika Ramachandra, 2021).

Hashika. GETTY IMAGES

Santhosh stars for Shivamogga

S. Santhosh's seven for 31 was instrumental in Shivamogga's 23-run win over Dharwad in the KSCA under-19 inter-mofussil tournament.

The scores:
Mysore 227 in 43.5 overs (S.U. Karthik 74, H. Amogh 25, Nigam S. Etagi 4/24, V. Sohan 3/48) bt Tumkur 123 in 29.5 overs (Mahendra Singh 57, H. Amogh 3/19).
Raichur 101 in 30.5 overs (Prabhu Sasalatti 51, Amrith Praveen 3/21, Ashish Nayak 5/16) lost to Mangalore 102/6 in 24.2 overs (Nihansh Poojary 45 n.o., Rahul Bellad 3/33).
Shivamogga 165 in 48.5 overs (C.R. Kumarswamy 34, Yashas V. Murthy 25, S. Shivaprasad 43 n.o., Saurav P. Samant 4/30) bt Dharwad 142 in 35.2 overs (Madhava Dharwadkar 65, S. Santhosh 7/31).

Sensational spell by Sai Smaran

A.S. Sai Smaran's sensational bowling (eight for 31) helped National Public School [B-10] register an eight-wicket victory over Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul International School in the KSCA Cup u-16 second division school tournament.
The scores: Army Public School 195 in 44.3 overs (Shaurya Yadav 26, M. Thejesh 43, Mayank 33, Navneeth V. Raj 3/42, Dhruv Rao 5/47) lost to Sri Vani Educational Centre Trust [B-91] 196/2 in 29.1 overs (Navneeth V. Raj 124 n.o.).
Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul IS 107 in 24.4 overs (U.S. Karana 38, A.S. Sai Smaran 8/31) lost to NPS [B-10] 109/2 in 11.1 overs (Tej Jaganath 62).
Kensri School 98 in 27.3 overs (Ansuman 40, Arnav Gurudatta Mewundi 4/16) lost to BGS PS, Hulimavu 99/0 in 14.3 overs (Ayush M. Patil 34 n.o., B. Sai Akhilesh 35 n.o.).
The Cathedral HS 154 in 38.3 overs (Syed Mushtaq Hussain 43, K.G. Vishal 3/34) bt Florence PS 147 in 40.2 overs (Havish Gowda 43, Syed Fahad Pasha 27, B. Lokesh 3/32).
Innisfree House School 111 in 20.3 overs (R. Vijay Sumukh 32, Harsh Chaitanya 31, Prajwal Vasanth Kumar 6/25) bt MES Kishore Kendra 108 in 20 overs (B.N. Varun 32, Prajwal Vasanth Kumar 30, Harsh Chaitanya 3/40, Aayush P. Raghavan 4/30, Venkata Abhinav Polu 3/9).
Bethany HS 245 in 41.3 overs (K. Nithin 26, Samarth Patil 30, Pranav William Marshall 27, Neev Bhattacharjee 51, K.L. Siddarth Gowda 4/54).
Sri Kumaran Childrens Home, State 166 in 41.1 overs (S. Srivishnu 46, Pramit Sathish 45, Pratham J. Manjari 31 n.o., Ahaan Naman Mehta 3/35).
VVS Sardar Patel HS 113 in 30 overs (A.M. Srihari 26, Amoghavarsha 3/18, S. Rahul 4/21) bt Triveni Memorial Educational Trust 56 in 26.4 overs (Ranjodh Raghavan 3/12).
Presidency School, RT Nagar 263/7 in 50 overs (Omkar Bhandari 44, Aftab Jamal Khan 101 n.o., Mohammed Shamsheer 54, Naman Trivedi 3/33) bt Venkat International PS 39 in 17 overs (Mohammed Hasan Tabani 3/7, M.S. Kunal 3/14).

Rajath on song

Rajath scored 23 points as Mangalore BC edged out GST & Customs 71-70 in the State A-division league basketball championship here on Friday.

The results:
Mangalore BC 71 (Rajath 23, Pradyumna 16) bt GST & Customs 70 (Hrishikesh 17, Atesh 16); BSNL 69 (Suraj 27, Hareesh 16) bt MNK Rao Park BC 65 (Darshan 19, Daniel 14).
On Thursday: Mangalore BC 67 (Rajath 28) bt S. Blues 58 (Dencil 13) [Full-time 56-56; Extra-time 11-2].
Beagles BC 76 (Punith 17, Achintya 16) bt GST & Customs 75 (Dheeraj 20, Hrishikesh 17).

Snipers to meet FC Mangalore

Snipers FC will take on FC Mangalore in the final of the KSFA Bangalore North & South C-division football league.
The results (semifinals):
Snipers FC 3 (K.V. Aswin 50, V.P. Shahil 58, Akshay Ashok 70+3) bt Rebels FC 0.
FC Mangalore 5 (Riyas 1, 23, Abinash 29, Bavu 56, 58) bt Stadium FC 0.

Easy for SCB

Sporting Club Bengaluru (SCB) notched up a comfortable 3-0 win over HAL FC in the BDFA Super Division football league on Friday.
The results: FC Deccan 1 (Alvin Antony 68) drew with MEG & Center FC 1 (Ayush 45+2); Sporting Club Bengaluru 3 (Thomyol Shimray 53, O.M. Asif 55, Saiyyad Umair 90+3) bt HAL FC 0.

Yuvraj hits century in drawn match

Rayan Rozario
COIMBATORE

The TNCA President's XI collected three points for the hard work and the first-innings lead against Indian Railways in a Group-A clash that meandered to a draw in the Buchi Babu invitational cricket tournament here on Friday.

Railways' Sahab Yuvraj found the gaps with ease and went on to complete a fine 115 (201b, 10x4, 5x6).

The scores (final day): Indian Railways 327 & 325/5 in 103 overs (Nishant Kushwah 53, Sahab Yuvraj 115, Shubham Chaubey 69 n.o.) drew with TNCA President's XI 333/9 decl. in 124 overs.
Points: TNCA President's XI 3, Indian Railways 1.